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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1957.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—*That the following words be added to the Address :—
“ but add—

1. That the Government is censured for the statement of Housing policy made by the Prime Minister on 7th March last and for the acute social ills caused by its continued failure to establish, in conjunction with the States, a National Housing Plan.
2. This failure has been largely caused by the provision of inadequate finance for home building for—
 - (a) State Governments;
 - (b) War Service Homes;
 - (c) Co-operative Building Societies;
 - (d) Australians seeking to build their own homes.
3. The National Plan should have regard to—
 - (a) the immediate reduction of migrant intake;
 - (b) employment of the maximum work force in the home-building industry;
 - (c) availability of materials.
4. It should also provide for—
 - (a) priority to home building over less essential private investment;
 - (b) provision of sufficient finance to promote home ownership at low rates of interest ”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Drummond), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—
 - Ninth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1955–56.
 - Report of the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth on the accounts of the Joint Coal Board for year 1955–56.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—Yallourn, Victoria.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Civil Aviation—G. H. Boyd, N. R. Ellis, P. H. Griffin, B. V. Kaff, W. G. Willoughby, A. J. Wilson.
 - Postmaster-General—L. E. Hall.

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Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1957—

No. 10—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 11—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 12—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1957—

No. 4—Optometrists.

No. 5—Advisory Council.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—
Seventh Annual Report, for year 1955-56.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wight
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	

NOES, 33.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Russell	Mr. Cope
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Brand, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Duthie, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Jack, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. McColm, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Watkins.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.