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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

 No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1959.

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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Twenty-sixth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1957–58.
3. EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL 1959.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act 1956*.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. McEwen moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. SYDNEY MAIL EXCHANGE BUILDING, REDFERN, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—Erection of Sydney Mail Exchange Building, Redfern, New South Wales.
Question—put and passed.
5. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE AND POST OFFICE BUILDING, POTTS POINT, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—Erection of Automatic Telephone and Post Office Building, Potts Point, New South Wales.
Question—put and passed.
6. REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART, TASMANIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—Extensions to Repatriation General Hospital, Hobart, Tasmania.
Question—put and passed.
7. RESERVE BANK BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pearce), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1959.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Allan, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Browne, Mr. Casey, Mr. Failes, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Minogue and Mr. Swartz.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.