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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1960.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Twenty-seventh Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1958–59.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1959—

No. 99—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 100—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

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No. 1—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

Nos. 2 and 3—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

No. 4—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 5—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 6—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 7—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 8—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

No. 9—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia.

No. 10—Australian Workers' Union.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Mr. Davis be appointed a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, in the place of Mr. Bland, discharged from attendance.
Question—put and passed.
4. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Mr. Opperman be discharged from attendance on the House Committee, and that, in his place, Mr. Chaney be appointed a member of the Committee.
Question—put and passed.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Mr. Opperman be discharged from attendance on the Printing Committee, and that, in his place, Mr. Browne be appointed a member of the Committee.
Question—put and passed.
6. 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 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 by Mr. Calwell, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the Address:—“but desire to advise Your Excellency that the Government no longer possesses the confidence of the Parliament and of the Nation because of—

- (1) Its failure to halt inflation with its adverse effects on wage and salary earners, on pensioners, on persons on fixed incomes, on primary producers and on home builders, particularly those with young families;
- (2) Its action in lifting import restrictions with its accompanying threat to the employment of thousands of Australians and the security of Australian enterprises; and
- (3) Its decision to ask the Arbitration Commission to reject the current application of the trade union movement for an increase in the basic wage ”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland, Mr. Cairns, Mr. Clarey*, Mr. Cope, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Kearney and Mr. Stokes.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.