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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. James (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the Baerami Shale Oil Proposal, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Cameron moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. CONSTRUCTION OF "TEMPEST" FIGHTER AIRCRAFT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Aircraft Production), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the reasons for the decision not to construct "Tempest" fighter aircraft in Australia at the present time.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Service munitions (Safety precautions) (No. 1).
5. 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 Royal Highness the Governor-General be agreed to :—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS—
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, to extend to Your Royal Highness a welcome to Australia, and to thank Your Royal Highness for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Sir Frederick Stewart be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Wilson be granted extensions of time (2).
Ordered—That Mr. Martens be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. McLeod be granted an extension of time.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Royal Highness the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.
6. SUPPLY.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.

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8. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other Business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the question is put "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair". On such Thursday General Business shall have precedence of Government Business until nine o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
9. MOTOR VEHICLES MANUFACTURE LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Guy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 3.
11. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1945.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), for Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for Improving the Production and Increasing the Use of Wool.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Dedman then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Abbott moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
12. SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister in charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Holt moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Makin, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.