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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH 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. Clarey), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen 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. Anthony, Mr. Brand, Mr. Chambers, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Jack, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. McCole, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Watkins.

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