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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 112.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1939.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE W. C. HILL.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 15th instant, of the Honorable W. C. Hill, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable William Caldwell Hill, a former Member for the Division of Echuca in this House, and Commonwealth Minister, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement. And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Sir Earle Page and Mr. McEwen having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. Hill the foregoing Resolution, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing recent events in Europe, the Far East, and at sea, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
External Affairs—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
4. WAR ACTIVITIES OF THE FIGHTING SERVICES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement giving details of the activities of the navy, the army, and the air force since the outbreak of war, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
War Activities of the Fighting Services—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
5. DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT—ACTION TAKEN SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Acting Minister for Supply and Development), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the activities of the Department of Supply and Development since the outbreak of war, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Department of Supply and Development—Action taken since the outbreak of war—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations Nos. 14-17.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of R. S. Robinson, Department of Civil Aviation.
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders Nos. 22-30.

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Papua Act—Ordinances of 1939—

No. 3—Police Offences.

No. 4—Ordinance Interpretation.

No. 5—Papuan Antiquities.

No. 6—Customs.

No. 7—Sea-Carriage of Goods.

No. 9—Customs Tariff.

No. 13—Criminal Code Amendment.

War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission for year 1938-39, together with Statements and Balance-sheet.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.
8. RULES PUBLICATION BILL 1939.—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Rules Publication Act 1903-1934*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT (WAR POWERS) BILL 1939.—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make special Provisions with respect to Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright in Consequence of the War, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 16, Government Business.
11. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General), discharged :—
Patents Bill 1938—Second reading.
12. WAR ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER. —
The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 15th instant*], viz. :—
War Activities of the Government—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. White addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Brennan addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Ward addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Anthony 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. Street (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past 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. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Maloney, and Mr. Mulcahy.

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