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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 116.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1939.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION—FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister for Information), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the functions and activities of the Department of Information and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Department of Information—Functions and Activities—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 a later hour this day.
 3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Wool Board—Third Annual Report, for year 1938-39.
Iceland—Extradition Treaty—Supplementary Convention between United Kingdom and Iceland (London, 25th October, 1938).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 4. HIDES AND SKINS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action taken to control the export of hides and skins and to regulate prices during the war.
 5. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
 6. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Paterson rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity for immediate and vigorous action to develop areas within Australia known to contain mineral oil, especially the proved oil bearing area at Lakes Entrance, Gippsland, Victoria, upon which the Commonwealth Oil Advisory Committee, in their report of December last, made specific recommendations".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Paterson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. Paterson 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 ensued.
Mr. McEwen 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. James 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.
- The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

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7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations Nos. 18, 19.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 154.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—
For Defence purposes—Rosemount, Queensland.
For Postal purposes—Allansford, Victoria.
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders Nos. 32–34.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
9. NATIONAL OIL PROPRIETARY LIMITED AGREEMENT BILL 1939.—Mr. Holt (Minister assisting the Minister for Supply and Development) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part, the State of New South Wales of the Second Part, and National Oil Proprietary Limited of the Third Part.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Holt 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. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION—FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES—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 Sir Henry Gullett (Minister for Information), That the Paper [*presented this day*], viz. :—
Department of Information—Functions and Activities—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
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.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Maloney, and Mr. Ward.

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