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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARACHUTES FOR R.A.A.F.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the availability of parachutes for the Royal Australian Air Force, following the death of Aircraftman E. A. Girdler owing to a parachute allegedly not being available.
3. STORAGE OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action being taken to secure a sufficient supply in all parts of Australia of certain essential commodities in the event of any war emergency dislocating normal means of transport.
4. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that a Women's Auxiliary to the Royal Australian Air Force was being formed on the same lines as the organization incorporated in the Royal Air Force.  
Mr. Makin, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Holloway 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 improving the wage standards of employees with particular reference to the basic wage and allowances related thereto".  
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. Holloway moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Ordered—That Mr. Holloway be granted an extension of time.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Elections and Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections, and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1940; Detailed Return in relation to the Election for the House of Representatives, 1940, for the Northern Territory; together with Summaries of Elections and Referendums, 1903-1940.

Elections, 1940—

Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1940, viz. :—

New South Wales.  
Queensland.  
South Australia.  
Tasmania.  
Victoria.  
Western Australia.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of W. B. Kirkland, Department of Health.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Rottnest Island, Western Australia.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain, Mr. Coles\*, Mr. Forde, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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