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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 69.

THURSDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Minister for External Affairs and Attorney-General (Mr. Evatt) and the Right Honorable Member for Cowper (Sir Earle Page), on the ground of urgent public business.
Question—put and passed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Guy moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to the honorable Member for Balaclava (Mr. White), on duty with the Royal Australian Air Force abroad.
Question—put and passed.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Rankin moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to the honorable Member for the Northern Territory (Mr. Blain), on military service with the Australian Imperial Force abroad.
Question—put and passed.
5. LIBERTY LOAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the result of the Liberty Loan of £35,000,000 shows that the amount subscribed was £48,300,000 and that the number of subscribers was 243,388.
6. PROFITS—JOINT COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Marwick brought up the Second Report from the Joint Committee on Profits, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
7. "AUSTRALIA FIRST MOVEMENT"—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the arrest and internment of 20 persons alleged to be associated with the so-called "Australia First Movement". Mr. Forde indicated that proposals contained in seized documents showed treasonable conspiracy.
8. PROGRESS OF WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 25TH MARCH, 1942—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 25th instant*], viz. :—
Progress of War—Ministerial Statement, 25th March, 1942—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.
10. REGULATIONS—MOTION TO DISALLOW.—Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to notice, That the National Security (Waterside Employment) Regulations under the National Security Act, made by Statutory Rules 1942, No. 19, be disallowed.

Distinguished Visitor.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that General Douglas A. MacArthur, United States Army, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the South-West Pacific, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

Debate ensued.
Question—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Badman	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beck	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Beasley	Mr. McLeod
Sir George Bell	Mr. Price	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Breen	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spooner	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Coles	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hutchinson	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Jolly		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
Sir Charles Marr		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Marwick	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Falstein	
Mr. McCall	Mr. Corser	Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy	Mr. Frost	Mr. Conelan
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Martens
		Mr. James	

And so it was negatived.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten 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. Abbott, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Collins, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Sir Earle Page*, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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