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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

FRIDAY, 1ST MAY, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—THIRD PROGRESS REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Chairman, brought up the Third Progress Report from the Joint Committee on Rural Industries, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
3. JUDICIARY (DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION) BILL 1942.—Mr. Beasley (Acting Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to enable a Justice of the High Court to accept and hold a certain Office.
Question—put and passed.
4. THE WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 29TH APRIL, 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 29th April*], viz. :—
The War—Ministerial Statement, 29th April, 1942—
be printed—
Debate resumed by Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—
" in order that the Australian Imperial Force and the Australian Military Forces may be effectively welded into one fighting army available for offence as well as defence, this House is of opinion that all territorial limitations upon the power of the Commonwealth Government to employ Australian Military Forces should be removed ".
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Coles	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Conelan
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Martens

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Badman	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Beck	Mr. Perkins
Sir George Bell	Mr. Price
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Marwick	Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

5. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McCall, Sir Earle Page*, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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