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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 75.

THURSDAY, 7TH MAY, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JUDICIARY (DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION) BILL 1942.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to enable a Justice of the High Court to accept and hold a certain Office* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th May, 1942.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

3. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS AT JAVA, AMBOIN AND TIMOR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to Australian soldiers missing or not accounted for in the enemy-occupied territories of Java, Amboin and Timor.
4. GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRESENTATION OF PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for War Organization of Industry), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decision of the Government in relation to man-power in the gold-mining industry, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Ministerial Statement of Policy in relation to the Gold-mining Industry.
5. ALIENS IN UNIFORM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the conditions under which aliens are permitted to wear Australian military uniform.
6. GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Johnson, by leave, made a Statement relating to his recent visit to Western Australia in connexion with the effect of the war on the gold-mining industry.
7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Anthony 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 inevitable serious decline in the production of vital foodstuffs and other commodities essential to the needs of our military forces, our civilian population, our allies in this country and of Great Britain, consequent upon the depletion of labour in our rural areas and elsewhere ".
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. Anthony moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Anthony be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Development) 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.
8. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL 1942.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Blackburn 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.

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9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders by State Premiers—New South Wales (14), Queensland (22), South Australia (8), Tasmania (7), Western Australia (4), Victoria (28).

National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (16).

National Security (Road Transport) Regulations—Order—Use of motor vehicles.

National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders by State Premiers—New South Wales (2), Queensland (5), South Australia (5), Western Australia, Victoria (6).

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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. Evatt*, Mr. McLeod, Sir Earle Page*, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.