THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

No. 76.

FRIDAY, 8TH 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. Working Principals in Industry—Military Service—Ministerial Statement.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the conditions regarding exemptions from military service of working principals engaged in commerce or primary industries.
- .3. 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. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1942—

- No. 19—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association. No. 20—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 21—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- .5. 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.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved-That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. Adjournment.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past five 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. Badman, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. McCall, Mr. McLeod, Sir Earle Page*, and Mr. White*.

On leave.

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