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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 89.

THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 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. SECRET MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That a Joint Meeting of Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives be convened for half-past four o'clock p.m. this day for the purpose of discussing in secret the present war and hearing confidential reports in relation thereto.  
Question—put and passed.
  3. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—  
(1) That Mr. Rosevear be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on War Expenditure.  
(2) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.  
Question—put and passed.
  4. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Broadcasting Act 1942*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, viz. :—Mr. Barnard, Mr. Calwell, Mr. Johnson, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Price and Mr. Riordan.  
Question—put and passed.
  5. RELEASE OF SHEARERS FROM THE ARMY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the procedure regarding the release during the shearing season of soldiers who were previously shearers.
  6. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Johnson, Deputy Chairman, brought up a Statement of cases where, for considerations of national security, memorandums have been addressed by the Committee to the Prime Minister for the consideration of the War Cabinet.
  7. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MISSION OVERSEAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in relation to international affairs and the mission overseas, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
International Affairs—Mission Overseas—Ministerial Statement, 3rd September, 1942—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
  8. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
National Security Act—National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Statement of Australian Banking Statistics for the five quarters ended 30th June, 1942.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1941.  
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Nineteenth Annual Report, for year 1941-42.  
National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—  
Prohibiting work on land (12).  
Taking possession of land, &c. (84).  
Use of land (8).
  9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at three minutes past four 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. Falstein, Mr. Lawson, Sir Earle Page, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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