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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 107.

THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1942.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 9th October last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE W. H. LAIRD SMITH.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 21st October, of the Honorable W. H. Laird Smith, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of the Honorable William Henry Laird Smith, a former Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Denison and a Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and adopted son.  
And Mr. Hughes (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
3. REVIEW OF WAR SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing important developments which have taken place in the war situation since the last meeting of the House, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
Review of War Situation—Ministerial Statement, 10th December, 1942—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.  
Mr. Blackburn moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House, reaffirming the policy upon which the majority of its Members were elected, opposes the imposition of any form of compulsory service outside Australia and the Territories of the Commonwealth".  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Brennan be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted extensions of time (2).  
Ordered—That Mr. Barnard be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy) be granted an extension of time.  
Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air) 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.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1942.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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

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