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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 118.

TUESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SON.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) referred to the death, as the result of wounds received in action, of Major the Honorable A. H. P. Hore-Ruthven, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death on active service of Major the Honorable Alexander Hardinge Patrick Hore-Ruthven, Rifle Brigade, only son of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Gowrie, and tenders its deep sympathy to Their Excellencies and to the widow and family of the late gallant gentleman.  
And Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—NEWNES AND BAERAMI SHALE OIL PROPOSALS.—  
Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Shipping) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Newnes and Baerami Shale Oil Proposals.  
Mr. Beasley having laid on the Table Reports and Estimates furnished by the American Board of Economic Warfare Mission in connexion with the proposed works—  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
National Security Act—National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Statement of Australian Banking Statistics for the five quarters ended 31st December, 1942.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for year 1941-42.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—  
Dubbo, New South Wales.  
Lithgow, New South Wales.  
Nationality Act—Return for 1942.  
National Security Act—  
National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Order—Military powers during emergency.  
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—  
Control of—  
Drums.  
Jams, jellies and marmalade.  
Taking possession of land, &c. (140).  
National Security (Munitions) Regulations—Order—Refrigerators.  
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1943—No. 3—Mining (Royalty Suspension).  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1943—No. 5—Enclosed Lands Protection.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 1 and Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business.

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6. REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Prowse, That Statutory Rules Nos. 471 and 487 of 1942, being National Security (Wheat Harvest Employment) Regulations made under the *National Security Act 1939–1940*, be disallowed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Badman	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beck	Mr. Price	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Sir George Bell	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Breen	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Collins	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spooner	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Coles	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Sir Charles Marr		Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Marwick	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Frost	
Mr. McCall		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser	Mr. James	
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Guy	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Conelan
		Mr. Langtry	Mr. Martens

And so it was negatived.

7. REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE.—Mr. Spender moved, pursuant to notice, That Statutory Rules No. 459 of 1942 and No. 3 of 1943, being National Security (Proprietary Medicines) Regulations made under the *National Security Act 1939–1940*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Sir Frederick Stewart 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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—RESIGNATION OF MEMBER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Mr. Stacey, resigning his position as a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Scullin\*, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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