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CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 119.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
 3. DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proposals for recruiting and training cadets for diplomatic service with the Department of External Affairs.
 4. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1943.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Frost (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Francis 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.
 5. IMPORTS FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—TARIFF PREFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to issue Proclamations according to the United States of America most-favoured-foreign-nation tariff treatment in relation to goods from that country imported into Australia.
 6. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), discharged :—
Commonwealth Bank Bill 1942—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
 7. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1943.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1932*, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Abbott 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at seventeen minutes past ten 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. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Scullin*, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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

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