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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 17.

FRIDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1944.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. 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.
Question—put and passed.
 3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. James (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed erection of Arbitration Court Building, Melbourne.
Ordered to be printed.
 4. COAL PRODUCTION (WAR-TIME) BILL 1944.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 17th February, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to secure increased Production of Coal, and to provide for Distribution of Coal, in the interests of the Defence of the Commonwealth and the effectual Prosecution of the present War, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
 5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—
National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Order—Papua and New Guinea (Control of prohibited articles).
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Control of photography—Exemption.
Taking possession of land, &c. (73).
Use of land (6).
National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 38, 39.
 6. REVIEW OF THE WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 9th February*], viz. :—
Review of the War—Ministerial Statement, 9th February, 1944—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Ryan 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.
 7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to 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. Beasley, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Forde, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, and Mr. Scully.

* On leave.

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