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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

FRIDAY, 21ST JULY, 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. ADMISSION INTO AUSTRALIA OF CHINESE AND BRITISH INDIANS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Frost (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the facilities existing for admitting Chinese and British Indians desirous of entering Australia for educational or trade purposes.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—Port Pirie, South Australia.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—Queensland.
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Requisitioning of property other than land.
 - National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Order—Meat (Controlled area) (No. 1).
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House at half-past three o'clock p.m. this day.

Mr. Speaker said that he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
6. UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION BILL 1944.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Agreement for United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration between the Commonwealth of Australia and certain other Nations and Authorities, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Evatt 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. ERECTION OF HOSTEL, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Frost (Minister for Repatriation) moved, by leave, That in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to the House the result of its investigations, namely, "Erection of a Hostel at Canberra, Australian Capital Territory".

Mr. Cameron 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.

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8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question — put and passed.
9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question — put and passed.
10. PAPERS. —The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Censorship—Interim Report of the Committee of Senators and Members on Censorship, dated 14th June, 1944.
Employment Policy—Paper presented by the Minister of Reconstruction to the Parliament of the United Kingdom, May, 1944.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act—Nineteenth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question — put and passed.
- And then the House, at twelve minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Martens, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scullin, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

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