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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Abbott moved, That the following Papers, laid on the Table of the House on the 31st August, be printed :—  
 Censorship—Postal, Telegraphic and Telephonic—Report of Commissioner appointed under the National Security (Inquiries) Regulations.  
 Hannan, A. J., Crown Solicitor of the State of South Australia—Allegations of official interception of letters and listening-in to telephone conversations—Report of Commissioner appointed under the National Security (Inquiries) Regulations.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Abbott be granted an extension of time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Spender addressing the House—  
 It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.
3. ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) announced to the House that His Excellency Sir Winston Dugan was sworn in on the 5th September, 1944, as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.
4. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—  
 The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	..	..	..	£8,480
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be agreed to.

Ordered—That Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1944—No. 22—  
 Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.  
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 132.  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—  
 For Commonwealth purposes—  
   Ballarat, Victoria.  
   Forbes, New South Wales.  
   Hay, New South Wales.  
   Lysterfield, Victoria.  
   Puckapunyal, Victoria.  
 For Health purposes—New Farm, Queensland.  
 National Security Act—  
 National Security (Agricultural Machinery) Regulations—Order—Agricultural machinery  
 (No. 3).  
 National Security (Food Control) Regulations—Order—Distribution of food.

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## National Security (General) Regulations—

## Orders—

- Control of footwear (Styles and quality) (No. 4).
- Manufacture of toys.
- Prohibition of non-essential production (General).
- Taking possession of land, &c. (36).
- Use of land (2).

Order by State Premier—New South Wales (No. 49).

National Security (Timber Control) Regulations—Order—Control of timber (No. 14).  
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 133.

6. 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-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Anthony, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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