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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 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 HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. MAIL SERVICES TO TROOPS IN NEW GUINEA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the mail services for parcels and newspapers sent to members of the forces in New Guinea.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The circumstances attending the negotiations for the sale or transfer of Broadcasting Stations 5KA Adelaide and 2HD Newcastle, or shareholders' interests therein".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Menzies moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Menzies be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Barnard be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
The time allowed for the debate under Standing Order No. 257B having expired—
Suspension of Standing Orders moved—Mr. Menzies moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the debate being concluded.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Smith
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Martens
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived
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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Immigration Act—Return for 1943.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Commonwealth purposes—

Albany, Western Australia.

Annerley, Queensland.

Postal purposes—

Cann River, Victoria.

Marlborough, Queensland.

York, Western Australia.

Telephonic purposes—Broken Hill, New South Wales.

National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Control of essential materials (No. 8).

Fly and insect sprays.

6. 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

be agreed to.

Ordered—That Mr. Abbott be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

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

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

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

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

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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Coles, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Spender.

* On leave.

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