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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
 War—South-West Pacific—Report to the Prime Minister by the Acting Minister for the Army on alleged waste of man-power and materials for Headquarters accommodation at Lae, New Guinea.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, LAE, NEW GUINEA—ALLEGED WASTE OF MAN-POWER AND MATERIALS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Acting Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in respect of allegations of unwarranted waste of man-power and materials in the provision of accommodation for Headquarters at Lae, New Guinea.
4. EQUIPMENT OF AUSTRALIAN TROOPS—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 22nd March*], viz :—
 Equipment of Australian Troops—Ministerial Statement—
 be printed—
 Debate resumed.
 Ordered—That Mr. Sheehy be granted an extension of time.
 Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
 Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
 Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
 Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air) 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past eleven 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. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde, Mr. Francis, Mr. James, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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