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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

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. ABSENCE OF MR. EVATT—PERFORMANCE OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General and Minister for External Affairs), Mr. Beasley (Minister for Defence) would act as Attorney-General and Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy) would act as Minister for External Affairs.
3. BROADCASTING OF WEATHER REPORTS IN COUNTRY AREAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that arrangements had been completed to provide meteorological services to country districts through country broadcasting stations.
4. RETURN TO WRIT (FREMANTLE DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 18th July last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Fremantle. The endorsement on the Writ confirmed the notification by the Chief Electoral Officer of the election of Kim Edward Beazley, announced to the House on the 29th August.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—

United Nations Conference on International Organization—held at San Francisco, United States of America—25th April to 26th June, 1945—Report by the Australian Delegates and Text of Agreements.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 128, 129, 130.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders

Immobilization of vessels—Revocation.

Navigation (Brisbane River and Moreton Bay—Small craft)—Revocation.

Navigation (Port Stephens—Private craft)—Revocation.

Use of land—Revocation.

National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (134).
6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow. Question—put and passed.

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7. CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. McEwen 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.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to ten 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. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Breen, Mr. Brennan*, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scully*, and Mr. Williams.

* On leave.

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