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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 94.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1946.

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. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Lord Glenconner, a Member of the House of Lords, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE—NINTH AND TENTH REPORTS.—Mr. Francis, Vice-Chairman, brought up the Ninth and Tenth Reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, and moved, That the Papers be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
4. COMMONWEALTH DISPOSALS COMMISSION—FIRST ANNUAL REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Shipping) laid upon the Table, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, the following Paper:—  
Commonwealth Disposals Commission—First Annual Report, for year ended 31st August, 1945.  
Mr. Harrison moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Harrison was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION—THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper:—  
Australian Broadcasting Act—Thirteenth Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, for year 1944-45.  
Mr. Anthony moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Anthony was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—  
Sugar—Protocol relating to the International Sugar Agreement (signed in London, 31st August, 1945).  
Sugar Agreement—Fourteenth Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee, for year ended 31st August, 1945.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for year 1944-45.  
War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1944-45, together with statements and balance-sheet.

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7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MISSIONS OVERSEAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—  
Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to recent and significant trends in world affairs, and reported to the House the results of his two recent missions to London and Washington in connexion with meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers, the Executive of the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations, and the Far Eastern Commission. Mr. Evatt then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Foreign Affairs—Missions Overseas—Ministerial Statement, 13th March, 1946—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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-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 events which have occurred in relation to the *Yoizuki* incident since the House rose on Friday last".

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.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy) be granted an extension of time.

The time allowed for the debate under Standing Order No. 257B having expired—

*Suspension of Standing Orders moved.*—Mr. Harrison 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, 22.		Noes, 42.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Holt		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy	Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Martens
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 40.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 38.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act, and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 39.

High Commissioner Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 50.

National Security Act—

National Security (Agricultural Aids) Regulations—Order—Bran and pollard (Restrictions of sales) (No. 2).

National Security (Food Control) Regulations—Order—No. 32.

National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (176).

National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 53.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 35, 36, 44.

War Crimes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 30.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.

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11. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1946.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act* 1918–1941.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Lazzarini 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.

12. "AUSTRALIA FIRST MOVEMENT" INQUIRY—REPORT OF COMMISSIONER—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Beasley (Minister for Defence), That the Paper [*presented on the 12th September, 1945*], viz :—

"Australia First Movement" Inquiry—Report of Commissioner (Mr. Justice Clyne) appointed under the National Security Regulations—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

Debate continued.

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.

13. 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 eighteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, and Mr. Pollard.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*