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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 120.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement with reference to certain newspaper articles concerning the Royal Australian Air Force.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air) from making a Ministerial Statement in regard to articles appearing in certain newspapers with reference to the Royal Australian Air Force.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
4. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ALLEGING MALADMINISTRATION AND UNSOUND ORGANIZATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air) made a Ministerial Statement with reference to allegations contained in newspaper articles written by Air Vice-Marshal W. D. Bostock, of maladministration and unsound organization of the Royal Australian Air Force during the war. Mr. Drakeford then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Royal Australian Air Force—Newspaper articles alleging maladministration and unsound organization—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed
Mr. White 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
United Nations—Food and Agriculture Organization—Report by Australian delegation of Conference held at Quebec, Canada, October–November, 1945.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Royal Australian Air Force—Applications by certain Officers for permission to resign their Commissions—Report of Commissioner (J. V. Barry, Esq., K.C.) appointed under National Security Regulations.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 111.
- Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1946—No. 19—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
- Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Post-war Reconstruction—T. W. Swan.
- Treasury—J. M. Copes.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 106.
- Lands Acquisition Act—
 - Land acquired for—
 - Commonwealth purposes—
 - Bendigo, Victoria.
 - Cairns, Queensland.
 - Fremantle, Western Australia.
 - Parkhurst, Queensland.
 - Postal purposes—
 - Batlow, New South Wales.
 - Duaringa, Queensland.
 - Quorn, South Australia.
 - Land disposed of—Giigin, Western Australia.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2543-2603.
 - National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Order—1946, No. 17.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 102, 105, 109, 110.
 - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1946—No. 5—Crown Lands.

6. OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 1946.—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.

Mr. Conelan 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past 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. Anthony, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Ryan, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.