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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 129.

FRIDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1948.

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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Newcastle (Mr. Watkins), on the ground of ill-health.  
Question—put and passed.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointments—F. V. Fels, R. M. McNiven.
5. ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AT CANBERRA FOR THE COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations :—The erection of an administrative building for the Entomology and Plant Industry Divisions, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, at Canberra.  
Question—put and passed.
6. REPRESENTATION BILL 1948.—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. Lang 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. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Howse, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Russell, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Scully, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender and Mr. Watkins\*.

\* On leave.

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

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