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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 62.

THURSDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1949.

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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Turnbull 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 increasing menace of the rabbit pest to production and the stability of the national economy, the extent to which the Government's centralization policy is a contributing factor, the Government's inability or unwillingness to recognize the extent of the danger, and the Government's attitude of regarding the pest as an industry".
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. Turnbull moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) be granted extensions of time (2).
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. McLeod be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Abbott be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 6.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1949—
No. 1—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
No. 2—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
No. 3—Australian Journalists' Association.
No. 4—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 5—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 6—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
No. 7—Amalgamated Engineering Union.
No. 8—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
No. 9—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.
Nos. 10 and 11—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
No. 12—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
Nos. 13 and 14—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Repatriation—B. H. Newbery.
Works and Housing—H. D. Sammells.
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 8.
Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 5.
Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 7.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
5. AUSTRALIAN ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION COMMISSION—THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Development), That the Paper [*presented on the 11th November, 1948*], viz.:—
Aluminium Industry Act—Third Annual Report of the Australian Aluminium Production Commission, for year 1947-48—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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 a later hour this day.

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6. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 9th February, 1949*], viz. :—
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 9th February, 1949—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt from concluding his speech without interruption.
Question—put and passed.
Debate continued.
Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.
7. AUSTRALIAN ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION COMMISSION—THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—
The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Development), That the Paper [*presented on the 11th November, 1948*], viz. :—
Aluminium Industry Act—Third Annual Report of the Australian Aluminium Production Commission, for year 1947-48—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past ten 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. Anthony, Mr. Blain, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Lemmon, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

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