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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 80.

THURSDAY, 19TH MAY, 1949.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lang 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 need to convey to the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines assurances of our friendship and goodwill, and an affirmation that Australia's immigration policy in relation to nationals of that country is based solely on economic considerations and not on any policy of racial discrimination".
Mr. Deputy 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. Lang moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Haylen 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 Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Axes, Adzes, Hatchets and Sledge Hammers.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—1949—No. 1 (Public Service Ordinance).
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 3, Government Business.
5. GENOCIDE CONVENTION BILL 1949.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve of Ratification by Australia of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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.
Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.
6. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1949.—Mr. Lemmon (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 1918-1948*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Lemmon 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.

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- Mr. Lemmon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 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.
7. INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT BILL 1949.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve Acceptance by Australia of the International Wheat Agreement, and for other purposes.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Pollard 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.
 Mr. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
9. REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S MANUFACTURING ECONOMY—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 for Post-war Reconstruction), That the Paper [*presented on the 24th November, 1948*], viz. :—
 Brief review of Australia's manufacturing economy in the post-war period—
 be printed—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. Harrison 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.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at nineteen 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. Beale, Mr. Blain, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Gaha, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Rosevear and Mr. Scullin.

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