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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 81.

FRIDAY, 20TH MAY, 1949.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—Economic organization (Interest rates).
National Security (Liquid Fuel) Regulations—Orders—1949, Nos. 1-3.
National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3421-3429.
National Security (Rabbit Skins) Regulations—Order—Returns.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, Nos. 22, 23.
Stevedoring Industry Act—Orders—1949, Nos. 9, 10.
4. WHALING INDUSTRY 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 provide for the Establishment of an Australian Whaling Commission and for the carrying on by the Commission of Whaling Activities in certain Waters, and of Activities incidental thereto.
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. Falkinder 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. SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER 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 relating to the Construction and Operation of Works for the Generation of Hydro-electric Power in the Snowy Mountains Area.
Question—put and passed.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—WOOL BIOLOGY LABORATORY, PROSPECT, NEW SOUTH WALES.—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*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely :—Erection at Prospect, New South Wales, of a Wool Biology Laboratory for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.
Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
7. REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S MANUFACTURING ECONOMY—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 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.
Ordered—That Mr. Harrison be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen 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. Anthony, Mr. Beale, Mr. Blain, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McBride, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear and Mr. Scullin.

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