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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 82.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1949.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETROL RATIONING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the financial and economic reasons for continuing petrol rationing.
3. SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER BILL 1949.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), pursuant to leave given on the 20th May, brought up a Bill intituled "*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*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1949—
 - No. 27—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
 - No. 28—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 29—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 - No. 30—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.
 - No. 31—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia) and Postal Electricians Supervisors and Foremen's Association.
 - No. 32—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
 - No. 33.—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - No. 34—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
 - Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—C. E. MacNaughtan.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Defence—P. Grange, S. G. Silveston.
 - Labour and National Service—R. Turner.
 - Postmaster-General—W. A. Thorogood, A. E. Tonkin.
 - Post-war Reconstruction—M. J. Coleman, E. A. Rowe,
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—
 - Orders—Inventions and designs (5).
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
 - Adelaide, South Australia.
 - Darlinghurst, New South Wales.
 - Mount Mee, Queensland.
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 - Ordinances—1949—
 - No. 3—Companies.
 - No. 4—Industrial Board.
 - Regulations—1949—
 - No. 3 (Stock Ordinance).
 - No. 4 (Building and Services Ordinance).

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5. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1948-49.—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.

Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Turnbull 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Adermann, Mr. Blain, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear and Mr. Scullin.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.