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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 100.

FRIDAY, 24TH JUNE, 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. NEW GUINEA TIMBER RIGHTS ROYAL COMMISSION—REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the findings of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain transactions in relation to timber rights in Papua-New Guinea, and informed the House that, as the findings show that the charges against the Minister for External Territories were completely without foundation, he had asked Mr. Ward to resume administration of his Ministerial offices. Mr. Chifley then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
New Guinea Timber Rights Royal Commission—Report—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 34.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Order—
No. 3431.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
Clermont, Queensland.
Fortitude Valley, Queensland.
4. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL (No. 2) 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Sir Earle Page 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. IMMIGRATION BILL 1949.—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.
Mrs. Blackburn 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. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past twelve o'clock noon, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear and Mr. Scullin.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.