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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 118.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1939.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SPECIAL MILITARY FORCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Special Force amounting to a Division would proceed overseas early in the new year, and, after further training abroad, would take up its place in a theatre of war. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Special Military Force—Service Abroad—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—" this House is of opinion that Australia's man-power is required for the defence and safety of the Commonwealth and is opposed to the despatch of expeditionary forces " .
Debate ensued.
The time arriving for the calling on of the Orders of the Day under Standing Order No. 119—
Suspension of Standing Order No. 119.—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 119 be suspended to enable the debate to be continued.
Question—put and passed.
Debate continued.
Mr. Rankin 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.
3. WHEAT INDUSTRY—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, MARKETING AND STABILIZATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in which he announced the terms of the increased advances to be made to wheat-growers for the 1939-40 harvest; referred to certain aspects of the function of marketing wheat, and informed the House of the intentions of the Government with regard to the question of restricting production next year. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Wheat Industry—Financial Assistance, Marketing and Stabilization—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (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.
4. SPECIAL MILITARY FORCE—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. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented this day*], viz. :—
Special Military Force—Service Abroad—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Curtin, viz. :—*That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—" this House is of opinion that Australia's man-power is required for the defence and safety of the Commonwealth and is opposed to the despatch of expeditionary forces "—
Debate resumed.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Thompson moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Badman	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Price	Mr. Beasley	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Collins	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street	Mr. Frost	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jolly	Mr. White	Mr. James	Mr. Wilson
Mr. John Lawson		Mr. Lane	
Sir Charles Marr		Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McCall		Mr. Mahoney	Mr. Gander
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Paterson	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Badman	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Price	Mr. Beasley	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Collins	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street	Mr. Frost	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jolly	Mr. White	Mr. James	
Mr. Lane	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson		Mr. Mahoney	Mr. Gander
Sir Charles Marr		Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. McCall			
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Paterson	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General), for Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business at the next sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Badman	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Beasley	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Collins	Mr. Price	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Rosevear
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Mr. McCall			
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Casey, Mr. Fairbairn, and Mr. Maloney.

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