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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 70.

FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) 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 disclosure in the House of Representatives on the 26th March, 1942, by the Minister for the Army of a treasonable plot". Mr. 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. Fadden moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
 3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 5, General Business.
 4. REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE.—Mr. Spender moved, pursuant to notice, That the Amendments of the National Security (Man Power) Regulations made by Statutory Rules 1942, No. 102, be disallowed.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Brennan 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 114, 120.
National Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 81, 92, 112, 113, 125, 126, 132, 133, 134, 137, 138, 139, 140.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1942—No. 2—Military Roads.
 6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the 29th April, at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.
Question—put and passed.
 7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty minutes to seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, the 29th April, at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Collins, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lazzarini, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. White*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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

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