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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 109.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1943.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 11th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ALTERATIONS AND CHANGES IN DEPARTMENTS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) informed the House of the following Ministerial appointments and changes in portfolios and titles of Departments:—
 - Appointment of Mr. Chifley to administer the new Department of Post-war Reconstruction and to continue to act as Treasurer;
 - Appointment of Mr. Beasley as Minister for Supply and Shipping;
 - Appointment of Senator Fraser as Assistant Minister for Supply and Shipping and to continue to discharge the duties associated with External Territories;
 - Appointment of Mr. Scully as Minister for Commerce and Agriculture;
 - The Department of Supply and Development to be known in future as the Department of Supply and Shipping; and
 - The Department of Commerce to be known in future as the Department of Commerce and Agriculture.
3. THE WAR—CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the text of a communiqué issued this day with respect to the recent conference between the President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister of Great Britain at Casablanca, and the meetings of their Combined Staffs, and the announcement of the completion of their plans for the offensive campaign of 1943. Mr. Curtin also informed the House of the terms of a joint statement made by General de Gaulle and General Giraud affirming their agreement with the proposed plans.
4. THE WAR—DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House, at its first meeting in the year 1943, in the fourth year of war with Germany and Italy, and in the second year of war with Japan, declares—
 - (1) Australia's indissoluble unity with the British Commonwealth of Nations, and its unswerving loyalty to the cause of the United Nations and its admiration for the heroic efforts of the Allied forces;
 - (2) Its pride in the bravery and achievements of the Australian forces, in all theatres, and its intention to make provision for their re-instatement and advancement and for the dependants of those who have died or been disabled as a consequence of the war; and
 - (3) Its determination to use the whole of the man-power and material resources of the nation in order to ensure the maximum war effort necessary to bring about victory, and arising therefrom to provide the requisite measures to promote the national welfare of the whole of the Australian people.

Mr. Fadden (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.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Corser be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past six 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. Blain*, Mr. Falstein, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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

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