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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 111.

FRIDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1943.

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. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PRINTING OF PAPERS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the following Papers, laid on the Table of the House on the 28th January, be printed :—
Repatriation—Reports (2) of Committee of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives appointed to inquire into and report on the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act and any amendments considered necessary.
Question—put and passed.
4. TOMATO PRICES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Shipping), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the prices being paid for tomatoes acquired for canning purposes.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
Birkenhead, South Australia.
Kingswood, New South Wales.
Lake Bathurst, New South Wales.
Maryborough, Queensland.
Mathoura, New South Wales.
Parramatta, New South Wales.
Rhodes, New South Wales.
St. Mary's, New South Wales.
Tamworth, New South Wales.
6. DEFENCE (CITIZEN MILITARY FORCES) BILL 1943.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize the Service of Members of the Citizen Military Forces in the South-Western Pacific Zone for the duration of the present war.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Curtin then brought up the Bill accordingly, 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.
7. THE WAR—DECLARATION OF POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), 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—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Harrison be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Anthony 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.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain*, Mr. Breen, Mr. Falstein, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin*, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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