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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 130.

FRIDAY, 12TH MARCH, 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. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE, BUNNERONG POWER HOUSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a partial stoppage of work at the Bunnerong Power House, New South Wales.

3. 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 detrimental effect upon the war effort of Australia and the Allied Nations caused by strikes, industrial disputes, absenteeism, and 'go-slow' practices in industry".

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.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr. Ward (Minister for Labour and National Service) be granted an extension of time.

Mr. Rosevear moved, That Mr. Ward be granted a further extension of time.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Coles	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Conelan
Mr. James	Mr. Martens

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Badman	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beck	Mr. Paterson
Sir George Bell	Mr. Price
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Marwick
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Stacey
Mr. McCall	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the debate being continued until half-past three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House. Mr. Marwick having called for a document quoted from by the Minister for Labour and National Service—

Mr. Ward laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Homebush Abattoirs, New South Wales—Statement regarding absenteeism amongst slaughtermen, for period 18th January to 12th February, 1943.

Debate continued.

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Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr. James be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services) be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr. Hutchinson be granted an extension of time.

At half-past three o'clock p.m., the time allotted having expired, the debate was terminated.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Supply and Development Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 43.

Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 36.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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

* On leave.

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