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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

THURSDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1944.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AUSTRALIAN ADVISORY WAR COUNCIL.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, informed the House that Mr. Menzies and Mr. Hughes had resigned from the Australian Advisory War Council and that Sir Earle Page had been appointed a Member.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Earle Page 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 continuous decline in food production owing to the shortage of essential materials and equipment and the lack of adequate transport for cream, milk, vegetables and all farm and orchard products to the factories and market, and the absence of opportunity for the families of many farmers in outlying districts to secure the necessaries of life under existing regulations regarding motor vehicles".
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—
Sir Earle Page moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Dedman (Minister for War Organization of Industry) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS BILL 1944.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
Mr. SPEAKER, Message No. 16.
The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to provide for the Payment of Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
GORDON BROWN,
President.
The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd February, 1944.
Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), for Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL 1944.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
Mr. SPEAKER, Message No. 17.
The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Maternity Allowance Act 1912-1943 '* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
GORDON BROWN,
President.
The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd February, 1944.
Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), for Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Lands Acquisition Act and National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders—Land
 acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
 Ingham, Queensland.
 Melbourne, Victoria.
 Williamstown, New South Wales.
 National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 Prohibiting work on land, and use of land.
 Taking possession of land, &c. (53).
 Use of land (2).
7. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of
 the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
 Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.
 Ordered—That Mr. Cameron be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
 Ordered—That Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
 Mr. Sheehan moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
 Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past
 ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beasley, Mr.
 Blain*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Holloway, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White, and Mr. Williams.

* On leave.

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