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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH, 1944.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MR. H. J. M. PAYNE.—Mr. Forde (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House of the death on the 26th February of Mr. Herbert James Mockford Payne, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of Mr. Herbert James Mockford Payne, a former Senator for the State of Tasmania and Member of the House of Assembly and State Minister, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its deep sympathy to the widow and members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Vice-Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
4. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of action already taken and of arrangements now being made to provide adequate Australian publicity in Great Britain.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act and National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
 Bendigo, Victoria.
 Guildford, Western Australia.
 Melbourne, Victoria.
 Rockingham, Western Australia.
 St. Peters, South Australia.
 Wembley Park, Western Australia.
 Woolloomooloo, New South Wales.
 Yarrawonga, Victoria.
National Security Act—
 National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 Refrigerator service.
 Use of land (3).
National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (34).
Science and Industry Research Act—Seventeenth Annual Report of Council for year 1942-43.
6. ADDITIONS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to the House the result of its investigations, namely, "Additions to the Government Offices known as 'West Block', Canberra".
Question—put and passed.

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7. COAL PRODUCTION (WAR-TIME) BILL 1944.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Fadden 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Adermann, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Hadley, Sir Earle Page, and Mr. Smith.

* On leave.

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