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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 30.

FRIDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1944.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CANADIAN MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Agreement signed at Ottawa on the 9th March, 1944, between the Governments of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia, relating to the provision by Canada of Canadian war supplies to Australia as aid in the present war. Mr. Evatt stated Australia's general policy in relation to international economic collaboration, and by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Canadian Mutual Aid Agreement—Ministerial Statement, 17th March, 1944, together with telegraphic text of the Agreement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Menzies (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.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—War Damage Commission—Report for 1943.
4. PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fadden proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The conduct of the business of this Parliament."
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that such a motion would not be in order as the matter was not definite.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED.—Mr. Fadden moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would enable a debate upon the accuracy of the records of the Votes and Proceedings No. 28.
Point of Order.—A Point of Order having been raised that a motion for the suspension of the Standing Orders should be related to business which had been placed before the House—
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was in order.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Ryan

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Makin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Frost	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Daly
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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6. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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. Scullin be granted extensions of time (2).
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.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to four 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. Beasley, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Bryson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Coles, Mr. Guy, Mr. Martens, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mountjoy, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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