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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 8.

FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Rationed Goods—Supply and Distribution—Report of Commissioner appointed under the National Security (Inquiries) Regulations.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), That the Government's failure to maintain adequate supplies of coal impairs the national war effort; seriously dislocates employment, production and transport; imposes unnecessary hardships upon the community; and deserves the censure of this House—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Morgan be granted a further extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Abbott be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Harrison be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) 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.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to the honorable Member for the Northern Territory (Mr. Blain), on the ground of his absence from Australia as a prisoner of war.
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Wool—Report of the Central Wool Committee for season 1943-44.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. TIME 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.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to four 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. Brennan, Mr. Coles, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Guy, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Scully, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.