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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

FRIDAY, 8TH 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. ALTERATION OF DAY 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.
3. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in relation to international affairs and Australia's external policy, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, together with annexes, 8th September, 1944—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Harrison 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Frederick Stewart 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 case of Mr. P. Dargin, butcher, of Portland, New South Wales, and all matters associated therewith".
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 Frederick Stewart moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Sir Frederick Stewart be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. James be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen 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.
5. WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1944.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 7th September, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940-1943'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, Government Business.
7. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' FURLOUGH BILL 1944.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act 1943*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison 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.

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8. INCOME TAX (WAR-TIME ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 1944.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act 1942-1943*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past 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. Abbott, Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Calwell, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Frost, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Martens, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.