THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES. OF

No. 13.

THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 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. Release of Army Personnel for the Dairying Industry-Ministerial Statement.-Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the arrangements made to release 4,000 Army personnel to assist the dairying industry.
- 3. Adjournment-Motion for Purpose of Discussion.—Mr. McEwen 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 position of the wheat industry, and particularly the failure of the Government to arrange realization of wheat held in various pools in accordance with

prevailing market values and the consequent very serious financial losses to wheat growers ".

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—

Mr. McEwen moved, That the House do now adjourn. Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.

Ordered-That Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) be granted an extension of time. Debate continued.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Adermann 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.—BROADCASTING COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day :-

That Senators Nash and Herbert Hays be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 14th September, 1944.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator— Australian Wool Board-Eighth Annual Report, for year 1943-44. Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Land Tax Assessment Act-Applications for relief dealt with during the year 1943-44. National Security Act—National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (43).

F.4654.

6. Supply—Budget Debate.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1— . The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances

£8,480

be agreed to.

Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

Ordered-That Mr. Francis be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved-That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen 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. Anthony, Mr. Blain", Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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