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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 31.

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY, 1945.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Customs Act—Customs Proclamations—Nos. 621, 622.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Commonwealth purposes—Townsville, Queensland.
 Postal purposes—Spring Hill, Queensland.
 National Security Act—
 National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 81.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 66, 67, 69.
3. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1945.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1943*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Lazzarini 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.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1945.—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.
 Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide more adequately for the re-establishment of members of the forces, more especially with regard to the incorporation of (a) effective preference unlimited as to time, and (b) the maintenance of the principle of preference in the Commonwealth Public Service Acts ".
 Debate continued.
 Mr. Corser 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.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Rankin moved, That Mr. Abbott be granted an extension of time.
 Question—put and negatived.
 Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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. Adermann, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Coles, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Russell, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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

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