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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 76.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE D. R. HALL.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 6th September of the Honorable D. R. Hall, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of the Honorable David Robert Hall, a former Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Werriwa and a Minister of the Crown of the State of New South Wales, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
3. JAPANESE ATROCITIES—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN WAR CRIMES COMMISSION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Makin (Acting Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the revelations contained in the report of the War Crimes Commission of Japanese brutality to defenceless prisoners of war, unarmed natives and civilians. Mr. Makin then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Summary of facts and findings from the Report on Japanese atrocities and breaches of the rules of warfare in the neighbourhood of the Territory of New Guinea and Papua—  
Prepared by Sir William Webb, Chairman, Australian War Crimes Commission—  
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.
4. AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the arrangements made for recovering Australian prisoners of war held by the Japanese and for making their names available as early as possible.
5. "AUSTRALIA FIRST MOVEMENT" INQUIRY—REPORT OF COMMISSIONER—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Beasley (Acting Attorney-General), by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
"Australia First Movement" Inquiry—Report of Commissioner (Mr. Justice Clyne) appointed under the National Security Regulations—  
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.
6. CENSORSHIP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the arrangements made to terminate publicity and postal censorship.
7. BUILDING CONTROL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the control of building materials and the issue of building permits.

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8. FOOD SUPPLIES TO UNITED KINGDOM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—  
Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to increasing the food supplies being sent to the United Kingdom, and, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Food Supplies to United Kingdom—Ministerial Statement, 12th September, 1945—  
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.

9. MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Balaclava (Mr. White) for defying the Chair.

Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Balaclava be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Hadley	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. J. A. Beasley	Mr. James	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Makin	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Coles	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. McDonald	
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell		
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Fraser			
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Martens		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

10. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 30th June, 1945; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twenty-second Annual Report, for year 1944-45.

Ordered to be printed.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1945—

No. 44—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association; and Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 45—Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Federated Ironworkers' Association.

No. 46—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—

Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

Rydalmere (near), New South Wales.

Villawood, New South Wales.

Wentworth Falls, New South Wales.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Control of—

Cleaning agents (No. 3).

Liquor (No. 4).

Fishing gear (Estimates and returns)—Revocation.

Manufacture of baby carriages—Revocation.

Refrigerator service—Revocation.

Restriction of cherry packing—Revocation.

National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—

Control of pharmaceutical chemists—Revocation.

Dental profession control—Revocation.

Employment in rural industries—Revocation.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 134, 135, 136.

Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 138.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Regulations—1945—No. 2 (Co-operative Trading Societies Ordinance).

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11. HOSPITAL BENEFITS BILL 1945.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) for Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 6th September, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Hospital Benefits* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Lazzarini moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Sir Frederick Stewart 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.
12. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1944*.  
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.
13. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Social Services Contribution.  
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. 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.
14. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1944*, as amended by the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1945*.  
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. 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.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved—

1. That a social services contribution be imposed at the following rates :—

*Division A.—Rate of Contribution in Respect of the Contributable Income of a Contributor other than a Trustee.*

For every pound of contributable income the rate of contribution shall be the lesser of the following :—

- (1) The rate obtained by dividing by the amount of the contributable income an amount equal to the amount of income tax for which the contributor would be liable to be assessed for the year of contribution if—
- (a) the rates of income tax payable for that year were the rates of tax declared in the *Income Tax Act 1945*, prior to any amendment of that Act, reduced by twelve and one-half per centum ; and
- (b) the rate of tax to be applied for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of any rebate were the rate ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, as amended up to and including the commencement of the *Income Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1944* ; or
- (2) the rate of eighteen pence.

*Division B.—Rate of Contribution Payable by a Trustee.*For every pound of the contributable income in respect of which a trustee is liable, pursuant to either section ninety-eight or section ninety-nine of the *Income Tax Assessment Act*, as applied by the *Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1945*, to be assessed and to pay contribution, the rate of contribution shall be the rate which would be payable if one individual were liable to be assessed and to pay contribution on that contributable income.

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*Division C.—Contribution Payable on Certain Incomes of less than £200.*

Where, apart from this Division, the amount of social services contribution payable under Division A or B would be greater than fifty per centum of the amount by which the contributable income exceeds—

(a) in any case where the contributable income is less than Two hundred pounds and the contributor is a person who would, if income tax were levied under the Income Tax Assessment Act upon his taxable income of the year of income, be entitled to a rebate of tax in his income tax assessment by reference to paragraph (a), (aa), (ab), (b), (ba), (bb) or (c) of sub-section (2.) of section One hundred and sixty of that Act—One hundred and fifty-six pounds; or

(b) in any case where the contributable income is less than One hundred and thirteen pounds and the contributor would not be entitled to any such rebate—One hundred and four pounds,

the contribution payable in respect of that contributable income shall be fifty per centum of the amount of that excess.

*Division D.—Contribution Payable Where Amount Would Otherwise be Less than Ten Shillings.*

Where, apart from this Division, the contribution which a person would be liable to pay under Division A, B or C is less than Ten shillings, the amount of contribution payable by that person shall be Ten shillings.

*Division E.—Contribution Payable where Amount would otherwise include Odd Pence.*

Where, apart from this Division, the contribution which a person would be liable to pay under the preceding Divisions leaves an amount of pence remaining when expressed in pounds and shillings—

(a) if the remaining pence do not exceed six—the contribution payable by that person shall be the amount so expressed in pounds and shillings; or

(b) if the remaining pence exceed six—the contribution payable by that person shall be the amount so expressed in pounds and shillings plus One shilling.

2. That the contribution imposed by the preceding provisions of this Resolution be levied and paid for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and for the financial year commencing on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, upon the contributable income derived during the year of income as defined by section five of the *Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1945*.

3. That, until the commencement of an Act for the levying and payment of social services contribution for a financial year subsequent to that beginning on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, the provisions of this Resolution also apply for all financial years subsequent to that last-mentioned year.

4. That, notwithstanding anything contained in this Resolution, the amount of contribution payable by a person for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, be one-half of the amount which would be payable by him apart from this paragraph.

5. That provisional contribution be imposed, and be payable, in accordance with the provisions of the *Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1945*.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Hutchinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

17. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved—

1. That, in lieu of the tax imposed upon incomes by the *Income Tax Act 1945* (other than the tax imposed by sub-section (7.) of section 4, and the tax imposed by section 5, of the *Income Tax Act 1945*), a tax be imposed upon incomes at the following rates:—

*Division A.—Rate of Tax in Respect of Taxable Income Derived from Personal Exertion.*

The rate of tax be half the sum of the rate of tax imposed by the *Income Tax Act 1945* and the rate of tax ascertained in accordance with the following scale:—

If the taxable income does not exceed £200, the rate of tax shall be nil.

If the taxable income exceeds £200 but does not exceed £300, the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £200 shall be 3 pence, and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £200 shall be 36.15 pence increasing uniformly by .15 of one penny for every pound by which the taxable income exceeds £201.

If the taxable income exceeds £300 but does not exceed £1,000 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £300 shall be 19 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £300 shall be 66.01 pence increasing uniformly by .01 of one penny for every pound by which the taxable income exceeds £301.

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If the taxable income exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £2,000 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £1,000 shall be 56.8 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £1,000 shall be 80.03 pence increasing uniformly by .03 of one penny for every pound by which the taxable income exceeds £1,001.

If the taxable income exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £3,000 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £2,000 shall be 83.4 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £2,000 shall be 140.013 pence increasing uniformly by .013 of one penny for every pound by which the taxable income exceeds £2,001.

If the taxable income exceeds £3,000 but does not exceed £5,000 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £3,000 shall be 106.6 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £3,000 shall be 166.004 pence increasing uniformly by .004 of one penny for every pound by which the taxable income exceeds £3,001.

If the taxable income exceeds £5,000 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £5,000 shall be 133.56 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £5,000 shall be 182 pence.

*Division B.—Rate of Tax in Respect of Taxable Income Derived from Property.*

The rate of tax be half the sum of the rate of tax imposed by the *Income Tax Act 1945* and the rate of tax ascertained in accordance with the following scale:—

If the taxable income does not exceed £200, the rate of tax shall be nil.

If the taxable income exceeds £200 but does not exceed £300 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £200 shall be 3 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £200 shall be 48.21 pence increasing uniformly by .21 of one penny for every pound by which the taxable income exceeds £201.

If the taxable income exceeds £300 but does not exceed £1,000 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £300 shall be 25 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £300 shall be 90.01 pence increasing uniformly by .01 of one penny for every pound by which the taxable income exceeds £301.

If the taxable income exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £2,000 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £1,000 shall be 75.4 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £1,000 shall be 104.03075 pence increasing uniformly by .03075 of one penny for every pound by which the taxable income exceeds £1,001.

If the taxable income exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £5,000 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £2,000 shall be 105.075 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £2,000 shall be 165.50275 pence increasing uniformly by .00275 of one penny for every pound by which the taxable income exceeds £2,001.

If the taxable income exceeds £5,000 the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £5,000 shall be 146.28 pence and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £5,000 shall be 182 pence.

*Division C.—Rates of Tax in Respect of Taxable Income Derived Partly from Personal Exertion and Partly from Property.*

(a) For every pound of taxable income derived from personal exertion, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Division A if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from personal exertion, by the amount of the total taxable income.

(b) For every pound of taxable income derived from property, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Division B if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from property, by the amount of the total taxable income.

*Division D.—Rates of Tax by Reference to an Average Income.*

(a) For every pound of taxable income derived from personal exertion by a taxpayer to whose income Division 16 of Part III. of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945* applies, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the tax that would be payable under Division A upon a taxable income from personal exertion equal to his average income, by that average income.

(b) For every pound of taxable income derived by him from property the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the tax that would be payable under Division B upon a taxable income from property equal to his average income, by that average income.

*Division E.—Rate of Tax by Reference to a Notional Income.*

(a) For every pound of the actual taxable income from personal exertion of a taxpayer deriving a notional income, as specified by sub-section (1.) of section eighty-six of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945*, the rate of tax shall be the amount obtained by dividing the tax that would be payable under Division A upon a taxable income from personal exertion equal to his notional income, by that notional income.

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(b) For every pound of the actual taxable income from property of a taxpayer deriving a notional income, as specified by sub-section (1.) of section eighty-six of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945*, the rate of tax shall be the amount obtained by dividing the tax that would be payable under Division B upon a taxable income from property equal to his notional income, by that notional income.

*Division F.—Rates of Tax Payable by a Trustee.*

For every pound of the taxable income in respect of which a trustee is liable, pursuant to either section ninety-eight or section ninety-nine of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945*, to be assessed and to pay tax, the rate of tax shall be the rate which would be payable under Division A, B, C, D or E, as the case requires, if one individual were liable to be assessed and to pay tax on that taxable income.

*Division G.—Tax Payable on Certain Incomes of less than £200.*

Where, apart from this Division, the amount of income tax payable under Division A, B, C, D, E or F would, after deducting all rebates to which a taxpayer is entitled in his assessment, be greater than fifty per centum of the amount by which the taxable income exceeds—

- (a) in any case where the taxable income is less than Two hundred pounds and the taxpayer is entitled to a rebate of tax in his assessment by reference to paragraph (a), (aa), (ab), (b), (ba), (bb) or (c) of sub-section (2.) of section One hundred and sixty of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945*—One hundred and fifty-six pounds; or
- (b) in any case where the taxable income is less than One hundred and thirteen pounds and the taxpayer is not entitled to any such rebate of tax—One hundred and four pounds,

the income tax payable in respect of that taxable income shall be fifty per centum of the amount of that excess.

*Division H.—Tax Payable Where Amount Would Otherwise be Less than Five Shillings.*

Where, apart from this Division, the amount of income tax which a person would be liable to pay under Division A, B, C, D, E, F or G, after deducting all rebates to which he is entitled in his assessment, is less than Five shillings, the income tax payable by that person shall be Five shillings.

*Division I.—Tax Payable where Amount would otherwise include Odd Pence.*

Where, apart from this Division, the income tax which a person would be liable to pay under the preceding Divisions, before deducting any rebate to which he is entitled in his assessment, leaves an amount of pence remaining when expressed in pounds and shillings—

- (a) if the remaining pence do not exceed six—the income tax payable by that person shall be the amount so expressed in pounds and shillings; or
- (b) if the remaining pence exceed six—the income tax payable by that person shall be the amount so expressed in pounds and shillings plus One shilling.

2. That tax in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Resolution be levied and paid for the financial year which commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, upon the taxable income derived during the year of income as defined by section six of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945*.

3. That, until the commencement of the Act for the levying and payment of income tax for the financial year beginning on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, the foregoing provisions of this Resolution also apply for all financial years subsequent to that commencing on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, except that—

- (a) the rate of income tax in respect of a taxable income derived from personal exertion shall be as set out in the scale in Division A;
- (b) the rate of income tax in respect of a taxable income derived from property shall be as set out in the scale in Division B; and
- (c) any reference to Division A shall be read as a reference to the scale in Division A; and
- (d) any reference to Division B shall be read as a reference to the scale in Division B.

4. That provisional tax be imposed, and be payable in accordance with the provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945*, in respect of the income of the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, or the accounting period (if any) adopted under that Act in lieu of that financial year.

5. That, in this Resolution—

“the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945*” means the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945*, as proposed to be amended by the *Income Tax Assessment Bill (No. 2) 1945*.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Hutchinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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18. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE AND POSTAL BUILDING, RUSSELL-STREET, MELBOURNE, AND RUSSELL AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—  
The erection of an Automatic Exchange and Postal Building in Russell-street, Melbourne, and the establishment of the Russell Automatic Telephone Exchange.  
Mr. Lazzarini having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—  
Question—put and passed.
19. DEMOBILIZATION OF AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), That the Paper [*presented on the 29th August*], viz. :—  
Demobilization of the Australian Defence Forces—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Ordered—That Mr. Harrison be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.
20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Haylen\*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lawson\*, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Mulcahy\*, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scully\*, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Watkins.

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\* On leave.

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