THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

No. 103.

FRIDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1946.

- 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. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m. Question—put and passed.
- 3. VICTORY PARADE, LONDON-LEADER OF AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT-MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.-Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that Major-General K. W. Eather, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., had been appointed Leader of the Australian contingent to participate in the Victory Parade to be held in London on the 8th June, 1946.
- 4. United Nations—Dispute between Russia and Persia—Ministerial Statement.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proceedings of the Security Council of the United Nations in connexion with the dispute between Russia and Persia.
- 5. Adjournment-Motion for Purpose of Discussion.—Mr. Bowden 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 releasing of aliens of enemy origin in order to take up courses in Australian Universities under conditions more favorable than those accorded to many Australian servicemen, contrary to the spirit and intention of Parliament under section four of the Re-establishment and Employment Act"

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. Bowden moved, That the House do now adjourn.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) be granted an extension of time. Debate continued.

Mr. Pollard addressing the House—
Closure moved.—Mr. Adermann moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 15.		·	Noes, 30.	
Mr. Abbott Mr. Adermann Mr. Bowden Mr. Cameron Mr. Francis Mr. Harrison Mr. Holt Dame Enid Lyons Mr. McDonald	Mr. McEwen Mr. Rankin Mr. Ryan Mr. Turnbull Tellers: Mr. Corser Mr. Guy	Mr. Barnard Mr. K. E. Beazley Mr. Bryson Mr. Burke Mr. Calwell Mr. Chambers Mr. Daly Mr. Dedman Mr. Evatt Mr. Forde Mr. Fraser Mr. Fuller Mr. Hadley Mr. Haylen Mr. Johnson Mr. Lawson	Mr. Lazzarini Mr. Lemmon Mr. Makin Mr. McLeod Mr. Morgan Mr. Mountjoy Mr. Mulcahy Mr. Pollard Mr. Riordan Mr. Scullin Mr. Sheehy Mr. Williams Tellers: Mr. Martens Mr. Sheehan	

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

6. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute— Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 34. Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes— Archerfield, Queensland.

Cairns, Queensland.

7. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1946.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading-Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second

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.

8. Judiciary Bill 1946.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, 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. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to five 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. Anthony, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Breen, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scully, Mr. Smith, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Ward, and Mr. White.

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