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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1946.

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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Brisbane (Mr. Lawson), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
3. MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCE AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the long-term purchase agreements for meat and dairy produce entered into between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth Government. Mr. Pollard then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Meat and Dairy Produce Agreements with the United Kingdom—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. McEwen 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. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—SURPLUS CANTEEN PROFITS AND OTHER FUNDS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the proposals for the distribution of the surplus canteen profits and balances held in the welfare and other service funds of the Royal Australian Air Force. Mr. Drakeford then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Royal Australian Air Force—Surplus Canteen Profits and other Funds—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. White 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. RETURN TO WRIT (NORTHERN TERRITORY).—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Official Secretary to His Royal Highness the Governor-General the Return to the Writ for the Northern Territory, the election for which was held on the 28th September, 1946, in conjunction with the General Election for the House of Representatives, and by the endorsement thereon it was certified that Adair Macalister Blain had been elected in pursuance of such Writ.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 151.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1946—
No. 32—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
No. 33—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
No. 34—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
Commonwealth Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department—
Labour and National Service—C. J. F. Shaw.
Works and Housing—C. B. T. Austin, H. W. Reilly.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 153.

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Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 127.
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 144.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
 Bundanoon, New South Wales.
 Kilmore, Victoria.
 Ringwood, Victoria.
 Medical Research Endowment Act—Report by National Health and Medical Research Council on work done under the Act during 1945.
 National Security Act—
 National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (336).
 National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Orders—
 Meat (No. 36).
 Stock (No. 13).
 National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Order—1946, No. 43.
 War Gratuity Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 154.
 Wool Realization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 129, 155.

7. **MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1946.**—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1935-1941*.
 Question—put and passed.

8. **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 8th November, 1946*], viz. :—
 Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 8th November, 1946—
 be printed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Cameron 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. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON BROADCASTING.**—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Broadcasting Act 1942-1946*, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, viz., Senator Amour, Senator Finlay and Senator Herbert Hays.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 13th November, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT. All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Conelan, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

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