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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 26.

FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1947.

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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Taxation—Twenty-sixth Report of Commissioner, dated 1st May, 1946, together with Statistical Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Abbott 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 necessity for taking adequate precautions against the leakage of secret information to any foreign power in connexion with rocket projectile experiments about to be undertaken in Australia in view of the experience in Canada, the similar conditions existing in Australia and the findings of the Canadian Royal Commission on espionage appointed under Order in Council P.C. 411 of the 5th February, 1946".
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. Abbott moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth garage and storage accommodation purposes—Adelaide, South Australia.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinance—1946—No. 9—Motor Vehicles.
Regulations—1946—No. 5 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).
6. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1947.—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. Gaha 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.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr. Cameron having called for a document quoted from by the Minister for Repatriation—

Mr. Barnard laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Greenslopes Military Hospital—Letter from the Secretary, Queensland Branch of the Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia, regarding conditions.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to four 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. Beale, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Scully, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.