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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 120.

THURSDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1948.

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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Anthony 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 failure of the Government to effectively conserve petrol in Australia, its laxity of administration in liquid fuel control, and its failure to conserve dollar currency by purchasing from the nearest convenient source of sterling supply, namely, the Netherlands East Indies".
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. Anthony moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Closure.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 29.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hughes	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and negatived.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
United Nations—Food and Agriculture Organization—Third Session, held at Geneva, August-September, 1947—Report of Australian Delegation.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 25.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 22.

Northern Territory Administration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 24.

Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1948—No. 2—Liquor.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 23.

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4. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 18th November, 1947 (page 400, and Appendix "A" to Votes and Proceedings No. 99).]

Item 91 further debated and agreed to.

Items 94, 96 and 104 agreed to.

Item 105 debated and agreed to.

Items 106, 107 and 108 agreed to.

Items 109, 110, 111, 113, 114, 115, 118, 120 and 123 taken together and agreed to.

Item 130—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the Item was omitted and the following Item inserted in place thereof:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" 130. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph—			
(1) Cotton or containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws—			
(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured	½d. 5 per cent.	1½d. ..	2½d. ..
per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.			
(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured	½d. 5 per cent.	1½d. ..	3d. ..
per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.			
(3) Printed, dyed or coloured	½d. 5 per cent.	2d. ..	3½d. ..
per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.			
And in respect of sub-paragraph (a)—			
On and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	1½d. per square yard	5d.	6½d.
(b) Otherwise	4d. per lb. and ad val.	11d.	1s. 1d.
	22½ per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent."

Item 135 agreed to.

Items 136, 144, 153, 154, 155, 157, 159, 169, 174 and 176 taken together and agreed to.

Item 178 debated and agreed to.

Item 179 agreed to.

Item 180 debated and agreed to.

Items 181, 185, 187, 189, 190, 208, 215, 217 and 219 taken together and agreed to.

Items 228, 229 and 231 taken together and agreed to.

Item 240 agreed to.

Item 241—

Mr. Francis moved, That sub-items (b) and (c) be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

Tellers:

Noes, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.
Item agreed to.

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Items 242, 244, 249, 250, 251, 254, 255 and 262 taken together and agreed to.

Items 278 and 280 agreed to.

Item 281, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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By adding a new sub-item (r) as follows :— “(r) Balsam of copaiba, emetine, timbo powder, when not packed for retail sale - ad val.	Free	Free	12½ per cent.”

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the Item was amended by adding the following to sub-item (r) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(r) Balsam of copaiba, emetine, Derris Lonchocarpus and other rotenone-bearing roots in natural or powdered form, when not packed for retail sale ad val.	Free	Free	12½ per cent.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 285 and 287 agreed to.

Items 291, 293, 294 and 305 taken together and agreed to.

Items 309, 310, 311, 312, 314, 315, 316, 318 and 319 taken together and agreed to.

Items 324, 325, 326, 328, 329, 332 and 333 taken together and agreed to.

Items 334, 338, 340, 341 and 346 taken together and agreed to.

Items 351 and 352 agreed to.

Item 354, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
354. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(b) (1) Motor cycles having a piston displacement of not less than 250 cubic centimetres, and frames therefor, whether partly or wholly finished, but not including rubber tyres or tubes - ad val.	Free	Free	17½ per cent.*

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the Item was amended by omitting paragraph (1) of sub-item (b) and inserting the following paragraph in place thereof :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(1) Motor cycles having a piston displacement of not less than 245 cubic centimetres, and frames therefor, whether partly or wholly finished, but not including rubber tyres or tubes - ad val.	Free	Free	17½ per cent.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 358 and 359 agreed to.

Items 364, 365 and 366, taken together and agreed to.

Items 374, 376, 380, 381, 382, 384, 388, 390 and 392 taken together and agreed to.

Item 393, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
393. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Crochet, knitting, mercerized, and embroidery cottons, put up for household purposes - ad val.	12½ per cent.	27½ per cent.	37½ per cent.”

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On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the Item was amended by adding the following to sub-item (A):—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 12th March, 1948 (A) Crochet, knitting, mercerized and embroidery cottons, put up for household purposes - - ad val.	15 per cent.	27½ per cent.	37½ per cent.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 397, 403, 410, 419, 428, 429, 432, 444, 445, 446, 447 and 448 taken together and agreed to.

Preliminary paragraphs—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the preliminary paragraphs were omitted, and the following preliminary paragraphs inserted in place thereof:—

“ 1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the nineteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, or such later date as is specified in the Schedule to these Proposals, at nine o'clock in the forenoon reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939 as so amended.

“ 2. That, without prejudice to the generality of the preceding paragraph of these Proposals, where, in respect of any goods covered by an item or portion of an item in the Schedule to these Proposals, it is provided that rates of duty in respect of these goods shall be imposed on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation, the Governor-General may, by Proclamation, fix a date on and after which the rates of duty in respect of those goods shall be imposed.

“ 3. That in this Resolution, unless the contrary intention appears—

‘Customs Tariff Proposals’ means the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, viz.:—

14th November, 1946; and

14th November, 1947.”

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

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Dedman moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Dedman and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

5. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Dedman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Amendment of the 18th November, 1947 (page 400, and Appendix “C” to Votes and Proceedings No. 99).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to, after debate.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Dedman and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL (No. 2) 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1934’ as amended by the ‘ Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1948’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Dedman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendment of the 18th November, 1947 (page 400, and Appendix “ B ” to Votes and Proceedings No. 99).]

Item 169 debated and agreed to.

Items Ex. 291 and Ex. 359 agreed to.

Item Ex. 380, viz. :—

	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
Ex. 380. By omitting—	
“ (A) (2) Carpet sweepers	Intermediate Tariff.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“ (A) (2) Carpet sweepers ad val.	45 per cent.”

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the Item was amended by adding the following :—

	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
“ And on and after 12th March, 1948	
(A) (2) Carpet sweepers ad val.	40 per cent.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Preliminary paragraph—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the preliminary paragraph was omitted, and the following preliminary paragraph inserted in place thereof :—

“ That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1939* as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the nineteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, or such later date as is specified in the Schedule to these Proposals, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, duties of customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1939* as so amended.”

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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Mr. Dedman moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Dedman and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL (No. 2) 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1939’ as amended by the ‘Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1948’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Dedman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT—MEMORANDUM SHOWING ALTERATION OF TARIFF DUTIES—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), That the Paper [*presented on the 26th February, 1948, in substitution for the Paper presented on the 18th November, 1947*], viz. :—

United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment—Memorandum showing alteration of
Tariff Duties—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

11. INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS—TARIFF REQUESTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th March, 1947*], viz. :—

International Trade Negotiations—Tariff Requests and Preferences—Ministerial Statement,
27th March, 1947, together with the following schedules :—

Schedule 1. Items in the Australian tariff on which other countries are asking Australia to negotiate.

Schedule 2. Items in respect of which Australia proposes to seek tariff concessions from other countries.

Schedule 3. Items on which Australia receives preference in British markets which may be affected by the negotiations.

Schedule 4. Items in respect of which Australia is expected to benefit through the tariff reductions which may be obtained by other countries—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

12. POST-WAR DEFENCE POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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 Defence), That the Paper [*presented on the 4th June, 1947*], viz. :—

Post-war Defence Policy—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

13. TARIFF BOARD—REPORT ON PARTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS AND CYCLES—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), That the Paper [*presented on the 8th November, 1946*], viz. :—

Tariff Board—Report on Parts for Motor Vehicles, Tractors and Cycles—Question of cancellation
of By-laws—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

14. SUGAR AGREEMENT—FRUIT INDUSTRY SUGAR CONCESSION COMMITTEE—FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), That the Paper [*presented on the 8th November, 1946*], viz. :—

Sugar Agreement—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee,
for year ended 31st August, 1946—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

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15. TARIFF BOARD—ANNUAL REPORT, 1945–46—PRINTING OF REPORT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), That the Report [*presented on the 8th November, 1946*], viz. :—
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1945–46—
be printed—
Question—put and passed.
16. MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCE AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), That the Paper [*presented on the 13th November, 1946*], viz. :—
Meat and Dairy Produce Agreements with the United Kingdom—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
17. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—SURPLUS CANTEEN PROFITS AND OTHER FUNDS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air), That the Paper [*presented on the 13th November, 1946*], viz. :—
Royal Australian Air Force—Surplus Canteen Profits and other Funds—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
18. INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION CONVENTION 1944—REPORT BY MINISTER—PRINTING OF REPORT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), That the Report [*presented on the 3rd December, 1946*], viz. :—
Report by Minister for Civil Aviation on the Convention on International Civil Aviation, held at Chicago, November–December, 1944—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
19. AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT—UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), That the Paper [*presented on the 4th December, 1946*], viz. :—
Air Transport Agreement—United States and Australia—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
20. ELECTORAL ROLLS—ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES—REPORT BY CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), That the Paper [*presented on the 19th February, 1947*], viz. :—
Electoral Rolls for certain subdivisions of Martin and Parkes—Alleged Irregularities—Report by Chief Electoral Officer—
be printed—
Question—put and passed.
21. IMMIGRATION—ADMISSION OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), That the Paper [*presented on the 6th March, 1947*], viz. :—
Immigration, Admission of Refugees and Displaced Persons—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Question—put and passed.
22. ANSETT AIRWAYS PTY. LTD.—FARES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), That the Paper [*presented on the 3rd December, 1947*], viz. :—
Ansett Airways Pty. Ltd.—Fares—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Question—put and passed.
23. ARMY DISPOSALS ACTIVITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chambers (Minister for the Army), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th February, 1948*], viz. :—
Army Disposals Activities, September, 1944–January, 1948—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Question—put and passed.

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24. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
International Affairs—Statement prepared by the Minister for External Affairs, 11th March, 1948—
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.
25. UNITED NATIONS—SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY—REPORT ON WORK OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
United Nations—Second Annual Session of General Assembly, New York, September–November, 1947—Report on work of Australian Delegation—
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.
26. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the 7th April next, at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
27. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 7th April, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Johnson, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Scullin* and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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