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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 132.

FRIDAY, 30TH APRIL, 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. 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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Rankin (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed erection of additions to the Telephone Exchange at Hamilton, New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
 4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Cameron 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, " Statements made by the honorable Member for the Northern Territory in a letter dated 28th April, 1948, addressed to the Right Honorable the Prime Minister and subsequently made available to the press, and the urgent importance of complete public investigation into such charges ".
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. Cameron moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Cameron be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Rosevear be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
 5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at six minutes past one 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. Beale, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Francis, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McBride, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender and Mr. Watkins*.

* On leave.

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

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