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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 43.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. COOK ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ to-morrow, the 21st April, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Cook, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of Mr. Thomas Sheehan, deceased. The dates in connexion with the election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Nomination	Friday, 6th May, 1955.
Date of Polling	Saturday, 21st May, 1955.
Date of Return of Writ	On or before Saturday, 2nd July, 1955.
 3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills :—
 - 12th November, 1954—*Message No. 28*—
 - Wheat Industry Stabilization 1954.
 - Wheat Export Charge 1954.
 - Customs Tariff Validation 1954.
 - Excise Tariff Validation 1954.
 - Leigh Creek North Coalfield to Marree (Conversion to Standard Gauge) Railway 1954.
 - 16th November, 1954—*Message No. 29*—Stevedoring Industry 1954.
 - 18th November, 1954—*Message*—
 - No. 30*—Cocos (Keeling) Islands (Request and Consent) 1954.
 - South-East Asia Collective Defence Treaty 1954.
 - Sulphuric Acid Bounty 1954.
 - Gold-Mining Industry Assistance 1954.
 - River Murray Waters 1954.
 - Aged Persons Homes 1954.
 - Broadcasting 1954.
 - No. 31*—Bankruptcy 1954.
 4. PETITION.—Mr. Minogue presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia, who are age and invalid pensioners, praying that the Parliament will increase age and invalid pensions. Petition received and read.
 5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Elections 1954—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1954, viz. :—
 - New South Wales.
 - Queensland.
 - South Australia.
 - Tasmania.
 - Victoria.
 - Western Australia.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
- United Nations—General Assembly—Ninth Session, New York, 21st September to 17th December, 1954—Summary Report of Australian Delegation.
- Ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Thirtieth Report on Commonwealth Public Service, for year 1953-54.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 132.
 - Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 119.
 - Aliens Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 114.

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- Apple and Pear Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 121.
- Bankruptcy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
1954—No. 131.
1955—No. 17.
- Broadcasting Act—
Australian Broadcasting Commission—Twenty-second Annual Report and Financial Statements, for year 1953–54.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 11.
- Canned Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 124.
- Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 24.
- Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—R. E. Balchin.
- Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 22.
- Copyright Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 130.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 15.
- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
1954—Nos. 113, 117, 118.
1955—No. 7.
- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 14.
- Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 127.
- Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (47).
- Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—
Berthing of a Vessel.
Mooring of a Vessel.
- Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 116.
- Flax Fibre Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 3.
- Immigration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 6.
- Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
1954—No. 112.
1955—No. 23.
- Lands Acquisition Act—
Land, &c., acquired for—
Commonwealth Departments and authorities purposes—Coburg, Victoria.
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—Griffith, New South Wales (2).
- Defence purposes—
Amberley, Queensland (2).
Bohle River (Townsville), Queensland.
Cairns, Queensland.
Canungra, Queensland.
East Hills, New South Wales.
Garbutt (Townsville), Queensland.
Geelong, Victoria.
Greenbank, Queensland.
Nowra, New South Wales.
Port Pirie, South Australia.
Randwick, New South Wales.
St. Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland.
Windsor, New South Wales (2).
- Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
Armidale, New South Wales.
Cairns, Queensland.
Coff's Harbour, New South Wales.
Coolangatta, New South Wales.
Eagle Farm (Brisbane Airport), Queensland.
Maryborough, Queensland.
Monto, Queensland.
- Department of Shipping and Transport (Marine Branch) purposes—Cape Willoughby, South Australia.
- Department of Supply purposes—Port Wakefield, South Australia.
- Department of Trade and Customs purposes—Loxton, South Australia.
- Postal purposes—
Armidale, New South Wales.
Ashford, New South Wales.
Ballarat, Victoria.
Barmedman East, New South Wales.
Braybrook, Victoria.
Carroll, New South Wales.
Cookardina, New South Wales.
Courabyra, New South Wales.
Cowell, South Australia.
Cremorne, New South Wales.
Crescent Head, New South Wales.
Darlow, New South Wales.

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Deloraine, Tasmania.
 Eden Creek, New South Wales.
 Fitzroy South, Victoria.
 Gladstone, South Australia.
 Glossop, South Australia.
 Hatherleigh, South Australia.
 Huonville, Tasmania.
 Kensington, Victoria.
 Larras Lee, New South Wales.
 Loxton East, South Australia.
 Mairjimmy, New South Wales.
 Malvern, Victoria.
 Maragle, New South Wales.
 Mernda, Victoria.
 Monash, South Australia.
 Mount Dandenong, Victoria.
 Mt. Martha, Victoria.
 Nangkita, South Australia.
 Naracoopa (King Island), Tasmania.
 Port Mac-Donnell, South Australia.
 Richmond, Victoria.
 Richmond East, Victoria.
 Shepparton, Victoria.
 Tarroona, Tasmania.
 The Channon, New South Wales.
 Toorak, Victoria.
 Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.

Postal (Broadcasting Station) purposes—Colevale, Queensland.

Returns (6) of land disposed of under section 63.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 128.

Nationality and Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 9.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1954—Nos. 115, 123, 129.

1955—Nos. 5, 8, 12, 16.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1954—No. 11—Customs.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of reserved land at Katherine.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—

1953—

No. 15—Transactions with Natives (Papua) 1952.

No. 57—Mines and Works Regulation (New Guinea) Ordinance Amendment 1952.

No. 69—Inflammable Liquid.

No. 82—Animals and Birds Protection.

No. 84—Pharmacy.

No. 88—Pure Food.

No. 91—Diocese of New Guinea Property.

No. 92—Business Names.

No. 100—Suppression of Hansen's Disease.

1954—

No. 2—Real property (Papua) 1953.

No. 4—Navigation (Papua) 1953.

No. 5—Firearms 1953.

No. 17—Supply (No. 1) 1954–55.

No. 19—Animal Disease and Control.

No. 20—Customs Tariff Surcharge Ordinance Amendment.

No. 21—Pure Food Ordinance Amendment.

No. 22—Bamu River Mission.

No. 23—Treasury (Validation).

No. 30—Service and Execution of Process.

No. 43—Supreme Court.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Army—A. Kerr, A. R. Solway.

Attorney-General—D. D. Bollard, C. H. Friemann, J. Marshall, G. C. Overton.

Civil Aviation—R. M. Diamond, C. A. Etchells, I. D. Fowler, H. E. R. Kingsford,

W. E. Kneale, D. B. Little, C. G. Perry, H. I. Sewell, E. Stern, R. Tobias, K. A.

Upham, W. A. Wells, A. R. White, C. B. Wilson.

Commerce and Agriculture—R. D. D. Corkill, M. P. Fead, K. S. Mulherin.

Defence—F. Hodgson, M. N. Madden.

Defence Production—S. J. Attwood, M. D. Boadle, C. L. Carrel, D. Hart, J. T. Hinde,

L. B. James, L. L. Kemp, E. Lions, D. R. S. Morriss, A. B. Robison, E. R.

Taylor, L. G. Walters.

Health—D. G. Noble, R. Pengelly.

Interior—F. W. Hannagan, L. P. Legge-Wilkinson, L. C. Moroney, J. New, M. M. T.

O'Shannasse.

Labour and National Service—E. F. Boulton, W. P. Donegan, P. M. Guthridge,

E. N. Hayes, A. W. Marner, C. J. Ryan.

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National Development—D. J. Belford, A. Cordingley, L. V. Hawkins, J. S. Howard, C. O. Leary, P. E. Mann, A. G. Spence, J. R. Stewart, W. A. C. J. Wiebenga.
 Postmaster-General—I. G. Cook, K. M. Ferguson, G. F. Frith, G. Greatorox, I. D. Herbert, V. L. McCahon, R. R. Melville, A. D. Robinson, M. Strohfeldt.
 Prime Minister—W. Barrow.
 Repatriation—T. R. M. Furber, C. R. Horgan, E. A. Lorimer, R. G. McEwin, G. M. S. May, B. M. Shaw, J. C. Squires, J. W. D. G. Thornton, J. E. Williams.
 Shipping and Transport—A. I. Twentyman.
 Social Services—A. M. Hunt, M. J. Nottage, F. B. Rajola.
 Supply—D. A. H. Bird, N. J. Canny, R. D. Carman, R. Field, R. G. Furze, J. S. Gilbert, R. F. Haymes, A. Horton, D. T. Kenny, N. R. Labrum, C. Laing, A. D. McRonald, R. D. Munro, S. W. Smith, F. M. Spurway, J. Wood.
 Territories—L. D. Crawford.
 Trade and Customs—W. H. Bousfield, A. Ifrim.
 Works—C. Baldwin, E. M. Barrington, J. A. Beatty, A. Blumentals, N. H. Cant, D. A. Clamp, K. H. Collins, R. E. Connelly, P. Dubaus, K. J. Grace, A. Grakovich, R. M. Greenwood, N. P. Hansen, J. V. Knowles, A. Lax, W. M. Leavey, N. J. Lobley, J. F. R. McGeough, J. A. Mooney, D. N. Redmond, A. C. Silbert, J. R. Wild, I. S. Wood.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, Nos. 120, 126.

Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 10.

Rayon Yarn Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 2.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1955—

No. 1—Motor Traffic.

No. 2—Traffic.

No. 3—Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions).

Regulations—1955—

No. 1 (Aborigines Welfare Ordinance).

No. 2 (Advisory Council Ordinance).

No. 3 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

No. 4 (Cemeteries Ordinance).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1953-54.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 13.

Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 4.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 125.

War Service Homes Act—Land, &c., acquired at—

Cabramatta, New South Wales.

Cabramatta, New South Wales—Revocation.

Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 122.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 1.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS.—Mr. Cramer (Chairman) brought up the following Reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
 Report relating to the extension of the water supply storage system for Canberra.
 Report relating to the proposed construction of Commonwealth-avenue Bridge, Canberra.
 Severally ordered to be printed.

7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—COMMUNIST PARTY RELATIONSHIPS.—Mr. W. M. Bourke having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The subservience of the Right Honorable the Leader of the Opposition and his followers to the Communist Party, as evidenced by his acceptance of large sums of money from Communist sources to the funds of the Party led by him"—

Mr. Speaker 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. W. M. Bourke addressed the House.

Ordered—That Mr. W. M. Bourke be granted an extension of time.

Discussion ensued.

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

Discussion continued.

Mr. Cremean moved, That Mr. Keon be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 69.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Menzies	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Mullens	Mr. W. M. Bourke
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Keon	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Bryson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	NOES, 44.		Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fitzgerald
		Mr. Lenmon	Mr. Russell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Clarey moved, That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Watkins moved, That Mr. Ward be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Discussion continued.

The discussion having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 92.

8. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow. Question—put and passed.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 20th April, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement stating the objectives of Australia's foreign policy, the current application of the principles involved, and referred to the defence assistance being given to Malaya and to measures which may need to be taken for the moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of a Loan from the collective defence of South-East Asia and Malaya. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Foreign Affairs and Defence—Ministerial Statement—20th April, 1955—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt, Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (SWISS FRANCS) BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Raising of a Loan in Swiss Currency, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 20th April, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Raising of a Loan in Swiss Currency, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 34.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Cotton Bounty Act 1951-1952*.

Canberra, 20th April, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Cotton Bounty Act 1951-1952*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Eric Harrison 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.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Eric Harrison and Mr. Kent Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Eric Harrison then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1954.—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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Cramer), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Davies, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. E. James Harrison and Mr. Haylen.

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