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ABBREVIATIONS

ALP	Australian Labor Party
ALP (A-C)	Australian Labor Party (Anti-Communist)
СР	Country Party
CPD	Commonwealth Parliamentary Debates
DLP	Democratic Labor Party
IND	Independent
IND LIB	Independent Liberal
IND UAP	Independent United Australia Party
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
MHR	Member of the House of Representatives
NCP	National Country Party
NPA	National Party of Australia
UAP	United Australia Party

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