

1937-38-39.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 111.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1939.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 22nd September last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR JOHN LANGDON BONYTHON.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 22nd October, of the Honorable Sir John Langdon Bonython, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Sir John Langdon Bonython, K.C.M.G., a Member of the House of Representatives for South Australia in the first Commonwealth Parliament, and subsequently Member for the Division of Barker, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service, and tenders its sincere sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Cameron having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. DEATH OF MR. F. LIDDELL.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House of the death, on the 20th October, of Mr. F. Liddell, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. Francis Liddell, M.B., M.S., a former Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Hunter, places on record its appreciation of his public services, and tenders its sincere sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Cameron having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RELATIVES OF DECEASED.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the relatives of the deceased ex-members the Resolutions of sympathy, together with copies of the speeches delivered in connexion with them.
Question—put and passed.
5. WAR ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of several matters of outstanding importance in connexion with Australia's part in the conduct of the war, to which the Government had given attention during recent months. The Department of Defence had been divided; Mr. Street had been sworn in as Minister for the Army, Sir Frederick Stewart as Minister for the Navy, Mr. Fairbairn as Minister for Air, and Mr. Menzies as Minister for Defence Co-ordination. During the absence of Mr. Casey abroad, Sir Frederick Stewart would continue to act as Minister for Supply and Development, and Mr. Street would act as Minister for the Navy, and, until the return of Mr. Fairbairn from Canada, Mr. Holt would act as Minister for Air and Minister for Civil Aviation.
Mr. Menzies announced the formation and composition of the War Cabinet and the Economic Cabinet, and mentioned the decision of the War Cabinet to reintroduce compulsory military training and to support the Empire air training scheme. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
War Activities of the Government—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

15th November, 1939.

6. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE WHEAT INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the Government's policy for assisting the wheat industry in respect of the 1939-40 season, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Financial Assistance to the Wheat Industry—Ministerial Statement—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Forde 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.

7. CONTROL OF PRICES AND PREVENTION OF PROFITEERING DURING THE WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing the action taken to control prices and to prevent profiteering, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Control of Prices and Prevention of Profiteering during the War—Ministerial Statement—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Makin 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.

8. SALE OF AUSTRALIAN COMMODITIES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER ASPECTS OF WAR-TIME MARKETING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister representing the Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the marketing, during the War, of commodities of which Australia produces an export surplus, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Sale of Australian Commodities to the United Kingdom and other Aspects of War-time Marketing—Ministerial Statement—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Forde 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.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 95.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Flour Tax (Wheat Industry Assistance) Assessment Act 1939*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Admiralty House,

Sydney, 23rd September, 1939.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 96.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

"*Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1939*"

"*Excise Tariff 1939*"

"*Income Tax Assessment Act 1939*"

"*Income Tax Act 1939*"

"*Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1939*"

"*States Grants Act 1939*"

"*Loan Act 1939*"

"*Tractor Bounty Act 1939*"

"*Sulphur Bounty Act 1939*"

"*Wire Netting Bounty Act 1939*"

"*Defence Act (No. 2) 1939*"

"*Supply Act (No. 2) 1939-40*"

"*Supply and Development Act (No. 2) 1939*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,

Sydney, 26th September, 1939.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 97.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

"*Supplementary Appropriation Act 1937-38*"

"*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1937-38*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Melbourne, 27th September, 1939.

15th November, 1939.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

National Security Act—

Authority to consent to Summary Prosecutions.

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Delegation of Powers of Treasurer (2).

National Security (Enemy Property) Regulations—Appointment of Controller.

National Security (General) Regulations—

Appointments—Advisory Committees (Restriction and detention orders) (3).

Authority—Public utility undertakings.

Delegation of Powers by Minister—Taking possession of land.

National Security (Monetary Control) Regulations—Determination—Money orders.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—

Appointments—

Advisers.

Commissioner.

Deputy Commissioners (2).

Declarations Nos. 1–13.

National Security (Securities) Regulations—Notices—

Foreign securities.

Returns of securities (2).

Wheat Acquisition Regulations—Appointment—State Wheat Committees.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 142.

Air Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 122.

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1939, No. 124.

Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 106.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1939, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Health—F. C. Slater.

Interior—D. V. Gordon, J. B. McCouat, R. V. Woolley.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 105.

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 138.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 140.

Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 141.

Defence Act—

Defence (National Security—General) Regulations—Orders—Prices (4).

Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 93, 94, 111, 115, 123, 132, 133, 134, 135, 137.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 131.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 121.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 30th October, 1939.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired—

For Banking purposes—Ashfield, New South Wales.

For Defence purposes—

Archerfield, Queensland.

Bairnsdale, Victoria.

Busselton, Western Australia.

Darwin, Northern Territory.

Denman, New South Wales.

Parafield, South Australia.

Port Adelaide, South Australia.

Richmond, New South Wales.

Townsville, Queensland.

Tuncester, New South Wales.

For Health purposes—Spring Hill, Queensland.

For Postal purposes—

Clunes, New South Wales.

Wamoon, New South Wales.

Rights acquired for Defence purposes—Richmond, New South Wales.

Meat Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 112.

National Security Act—

Australian Barley Board Regulations—Order—Acquisition of barley.

National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations—Orders—

Aliens Embarkation.

Aliens Landing.

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Orders—Exemptions (3).

National Security (General) Regulations—

Order—Defence Impressment.

Rules—Advisory Committee.

15th November, 1939.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 1—21.
 National Security (Securities) Regulations—Orders—Exemptions (3).
 Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 95, 96, 100, 102, 103, 104, 108, 109, 110, 113, 114, 117, 118, 119, 120, 127, 128, 129, 144, 145, 146, 147.
 Wheat Acquisition Regulations—Orders—Acquisition of wheat (2).
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 116, 143.
 Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1939—No. 3—Motor Car.
 Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1939—
 No. 20—Workmen's Compensation.
 No. 21—Crown Lands.
 No. 22—Matrimonial Causes.
 Regulations Amended, &c.—
 Darwin Administration Ordinance (3).
 Health Ordinance (3).
 Justices Ordinance.
 Mining Development Ordinance.
 Motor Vehicles Ordinance.
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 130.
 Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 139.
 River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1938–39.
 Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1938–39.
 Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 107.
 Tractor Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 126.
 War Service Homes Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 136.
 Wire Netting Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 125.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hutchinson, and Mr. Maloney.

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