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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1940.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAR WITH GERMANY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to recent developments in the war with Germany.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hutchinson 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 necessity, in view of the grave overseas developments, of the formation of a National Government in Australia, representative of all parties".
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. Hutchinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. Hutchinson not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Brennan addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Question—put and negatived.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—
Rosemount, Queensland.
Swanbourne, Western Australia.
Meteorology Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 36.
National Security Act—
National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations—Orders—
Enemy alien to report.
Movement of aliens.
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Power to obtain information.
Prohibited places (3).
Protected areas (2).
Taking possession of land, &c. (37).
Use of land (2).
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 80.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 81.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1940—
No. 6—Meat.
No. 7—Careless Use of Fire.
Public Health Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

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5. COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1940.—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.
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. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the nine motions moved by Mr. Spender (Treasurer) on the 2nd May, 1940 (see page 20).
Motions agreed to.
Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer) 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fadden, were adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Mr. Nock do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—
Mr. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.
Question—put and passed.

8. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1940.—Mr. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up the following Bills :—

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1939 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1939 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1939 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1939 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1939 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1939 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1939 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1939 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1939 " ,

and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Fadden moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the House adopted the Reports, and the Bills were read a third time.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTATE DUTY.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Spender (Treasurer) on the 8th May, 1940 (see page 30).
Motion agreed to.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse 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. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer) 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. Fadden, was adopted by the House.

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

10. ESTATE DUTY BILL 1940.—Mr. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Estate Duty Act 1914’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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. Collins reported accordingly.

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

11. WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Spender (Treasurer) on the 8th May, 1940 (*see page 30*).

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

The House resumed; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.

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

12. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1940.—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.

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. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.

14. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1939.—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 by Mr. Lazzarini who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “*That*” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“*the Bill be withdrawn pending the calling of a conference between the governments of the Commonwealth and the States with a view to ensuring a uniform practice in respect to enrolment and voting for Commonwealth and State elections*”.

Debate continued.

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.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to eleven 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. Badman, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jolly, Mr. Makin, Mr. Scully, Mr. Spender, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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