

1940.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

FRIDAY, 17TH MAY, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House and having been repeatedly called to order for irrelevance, Mr. Speaker directed the honorable Member to discontinue his speech, and the honorable Member for East Sydney so requiring—

Question—That the honorable Member for East Sydney be further heard—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Wilson
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. Gander
Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 29.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Street
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thorby
Mr. John Lawson	
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McCall	Mr. Corser
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Menzies	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Pollard addressing the House and having been repeatedly called to order for irrelevance, Mr. Speaker directed the honorable Member to discontinue his speech, and the honorable Member for Ballaarat so requiring—

Question—That the honorable Member for Ballaarat be further heard—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Nock
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender
Mr. Forde	Mr. Spurr	Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Green	Mr. Ward	Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street
Mr. James		Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Lane	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Mahoney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Martens	Mr. Gander	Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. McCall	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. McEwen	Mr. Corser
		Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 48.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Martens	Mr. Beasley	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McCall	Mr. Blackburn	
Mr. Clark	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	
Mr. Corser	Mr. McHugh	Mr. Dedman	
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Nock	Mr. Sheehan	
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Green	Mr. Rankin	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gander	
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Holt	Mr. Spender		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Spurr		
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Stacey		
Mr. James	Sir Frederick Stewart		
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Street		
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Mahoney			
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Gardner		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. George Lawson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) 1940]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives 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 acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th May, 1940.J. B. HAYES,
President.

17th May, 1940.

[*Estate Duty Assessment Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914–1928’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th May, 1940.

Message No. 6.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

[*Estate Duty Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Estate Duty Act 1914’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th May, 1940.

Message No. 7.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of F. J. Howard, Department of Civil Aviation.
National Security Act—National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.
5. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1936*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to the House the result of its investigations—Erection of a Community Hospital in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.
Question—put and passed.
6. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 debated—

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause :—

“(d) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :—

‘(2.) Such postal votes affected by this section as have been delivered to a presiding officer in any polling booth shall be opened and counted in the presence of scrutineers or other representatives of the candidates, and shall then be forwarded to the Divisional Returning Officer for final scrutiny.’”

Debate continued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Rosevear

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 46.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McCall
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Clark	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Nock
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin
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Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Lazzarini	
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And so it was negatived.

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Clause agreed to.
Clause 17 debated.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Summary of National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Collins, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Francis, Mr. Frost, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jolly, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Price, Mr. Scully, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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