

1940.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

FRIDAY, 24TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Graving Dock for Capital Ships—Report, together with Perspective View of proposed Dock, by Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners.
Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Files, being hand tools of trade.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1938-39.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Mahoney
Mr. Badman	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Collins	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Nock
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Price
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Green	Mr. Scully
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson
Mr. James	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 9.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Brennan
Mr. Maloney
Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Pollard
Mr. Sheehan
<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gander
Mr. Rosevear

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. THE LATE HONORABLE W. H. WILKS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Mrs. Wilks thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.

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

[*Commonwealth Electoral Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1934 ’* ”.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd May, 1940.

[*Land Tax Assessment Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Land Tax Assessment Act 1910–1937 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th May, 1940.

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Income Tax Assessment Act 1936–1939 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th May, 1940.

[*Income Tax Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th May, 1940.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1940.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section fifty-two B of the ‘ Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911–1933 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd May, 1940.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

7. COMMUNIST PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES. — Sir Henry Gullett (Vice-President of the Executive Council), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the prohibition of the publication of certain Communist newspapers and periodicals, and referred to the determination of the Government to suppress Communist activities in Australia.
8. WAR WITH GERMANY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the progress of the fighting in Belgium and France.
9. SUGAR AGREEMENT 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.
Mr. Rosevear addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conelan, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. McCall, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. White*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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