

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

TUESDAY, 28TH MAY, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Francis (Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works) brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Report relating to the proposed repairs and improvements to the wharf at Port Augusta, South Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
3. WAR WITH GERMANY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the latest reports of the fighting in Belgium and Northern France.
4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1940* ”

“ *Land Tax Assessment Act 1940* ”

“ *Land Tax Act 1940* ”

“ *Income Tax Assessment Act 1940* ”

“ *Income Tax Act 1940* ”

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.

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6. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 1) 1940.—Mr. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr. Spender (Treasurer), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930-1936*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL, 1940.—Mr. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr. Spender (Treasurer), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935-1939*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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8. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Postmaster-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.
9. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES (DEFENCE FORCES) BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Postmaster-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.
10. AUSTRALIA'S INCREASED WAR EFFORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—
The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 22nd instant*], viz :—
Australia's Increased War Effort—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
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. Beasley 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. Francis 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.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conelan, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McCall, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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