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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 25.

TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1940.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 21st June last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR GEORGE W. FULLER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 22nd July last, of the Honorable Sir George W. Fuller, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Sir George Warburton Fuller, K.C.M.G., a former Member of the Commonwealth and New South Wales Parliaments, former Commonwealth Minister, and State Premier and Minister, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service, and tenders its sincere sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement. And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. DEATH OF MR. E. W. ARCHER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House of the death, on the 1st July last, of Mr. E. W. Archer, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. Edward Walker Archer, a former Member of this House for the Division of Capricornia, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its sincere sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement. And Mr. Forde having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Liquid Fuels—Commonwealth Standing Committee—Seventh Report—Review of position of Substitute Fuels.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for relief from taxation dealt with during the year 1939-40.
5. REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement referring to developments in the war with Germany and reviewing international events particularly as affecting Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Review of International Affairs—Ministerial Statement by the Minister for External Affairs, 6th August, 1940—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
The time arriving for the calling on of the Orders of the Day under Standing Order No. 119—
Suspension of Standing Order No. 119.—Mr. McEwen moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 119 be suspended to enable the debate to be continued.
Question—put and passed.
Debate continued.
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 a later hour this day.

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6. WAR-TIME AGRICULTURAL POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement relating to the effect on agriculture of the war, the restriction of markets and shipping space, and the future outlook for primary products, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

War-time Agricultural Policy—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. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address in Reply at the Opening of the Second Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia on the 17th April was duly laid before His Majesty The King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honourable Members His Majesty's sincere appreciation of the loyal assurances to which Your Address gives expression.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Government House,
Canberra, 2nd August, 1940.

8. 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. 21.

Proposed Law intituled " *National Security 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 Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 21st June, 1940.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 22.

Proposed Law intituled " *Loan Act (No. 2) 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 Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 22nd June, 1940.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 114, 125, 140.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1940—

No. 13—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 14—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.

No. 15—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 16—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union; and Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 17—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.

No. 18—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 145.

Canberra University College—Report for 1939.

Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 92.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—G. S. Lightbody.

Commerce—G. T. Arkins.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 110.

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1939.

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 146.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 116.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 124.

Gold Mining Encouragement Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 139.

Immigration Act—Return for 1939.

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Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired—

For Defence purposes—

Amberley, Queensland.
 Broome, Western Australia.
 Camden, New South Wales.
 Concord, New South Wales.
 Currie (near), King Island, Tasmania.
 Darwin, Northern Territory.
 Derby (near), Western Australia.
 Esperance, Western Australia.
 Maylands, Western Australia.
 Northam, Western Australia (2).
 Perth (near), Western Australia.
 Port Hedland, Western Australia.
 Stockton, New South Wales.

For Postal purposes—

Canowie Belt, South Australia.
 Nowra, New South Wales.
 Renmark, South Australia.
 Riddell's Creek, Victoria.
 Sydenham, New South Wales.

Rights acquired for Defence purposes—Redbank, Queensland (2).

Motor Industry Bounty Act—Return for year 1939–40.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Cinematograph Films Censorship.
 Prohibited places.
 Taking possession of land, &c. (19).
 Use of land (6).

National Security (Securities) Regulations—Order—Securities (United States and Canada).

Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 90, 91, 93, 96, 103, 104, 106,
 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 115, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131,
 132, 133, 134, 136, 137, 141, 142, 148.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 122, 123, 135, 147.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1940—

No. 4—Public Service.
 No. 6—Superannuation.
 No. 8—Mining.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinances of 1940—

No. 10—Motor Vehicles.
 No. 11—Administration and Probate.

Regulations Amended, &c.—1940—

Nos. 4, 6 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).
 No. 5 (Health Ordinance).
 No. 7 (Darwin Administration Ordinance).
 No. 8 (Alice Springs Administration Ordinance).

Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for year 1939–40.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 102.

Post and Telegraph Act and Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 101.

Rabbit Skins Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 105.

Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year 1939–40.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances of 1940—

No. 11—Housing.
 No. 12—Stock.
 No. 13—Hospital Tax.
 No. 14—Timber Protection.
 No. 15—Trespass on Commonwealth Lands.

Regulations Amended—1940—No. 5 (Public Health Ordinance).

Ship Bounty Act—Return for year 1939–40.

Sulphur Bounty Acts—Returns (2) for year 1939–40.

Wine Export Bounty Act—Returns (2) for year 1939–40.

Wire Netting Bounty Acts—Return for year 1939–40.

10. REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—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. McEwen (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented this day*], viz. :—

Review of International Affairs—Ministerial Statement by the Minister for External Affairs,
 6th August, 1940—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

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Mr. Nairn 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. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Holt*, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Scullin, Mr. White and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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