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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal Purposes—Toorak, Victoria.
3. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) for Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m.; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m.; and on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until the next sitting.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent, before the Address in Reply is adopted, the introduction and passing through all stages of a Supply Bill, Loan Bill, Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Bill and Wheat Tax (War-time) Assessment Bill.  
Question—put and passed.
6. WHEAT INDUSTRY (WAR-TIME CONTROL) BILL 1940.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Act 1939*.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Earle Page 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.  
Sir Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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. WHEAT TAX (WAR-TIME) ASSESSMENT BILL 1940.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Wheat.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Earle Page 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.
8. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1940-41.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1940-41 a sum not exceeding £2,896,000.  
Question—put and passed.  
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.  
The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fadden, by leave, was adopted by the House.

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9. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1940–41.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1940–41, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £2,896,000.

Question—put and passed.

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. 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. Collins do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1940–41.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-one* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Fadden moved, by leave, 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 3) 1940.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE.

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 3.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Fadden 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. Anthony do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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.

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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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12. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—  
The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances . . . . . £8,176

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Curtin, viz. :—That the words “ agreed to ” be omitted and the word “ postponed ” inserted in place thereof.

Mr. Riordan 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.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past four 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. Blain, Mr. Curtin, Mr. James, Mr. Menzies, and Mr. White.

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