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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 13th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (SWAN DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 28th November, 1940, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Swan, in the State of Western Australia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honorable Henry Gregory, and that by the endorsement on the Writ, it was certified that Thomas William Marwick had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Thomas William Marwick, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. DEATH OF MR. D. S. JACKSON.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 28th February last, of Mr. D. S. Jackson, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. David Sydney Jackson, a former Member for the Division of Bass, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its heartfelt sympathy to his widow in her bereavement.  
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
5. 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. 15.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Income Tax Assessment 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.

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GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 16.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *States Grants Act 1940* "
- " *Defence Equipment Act 1940* "
- " *Wheat Tax (War-time) Assessment Act 1940* "
- " *Wheat Tax (War-time) Act 1940* "
- " *Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Act 1940* "
- " *Loan (Drought Relief) Act 1940* "
- " *States Grants (Drought Relief) Act 1940* "
- " *Apple and Pear (Appropriation) Act 1940* "
- " *Wire Netting Bounty Act 1940* "
- " *Morgan-Whyalla Waterworks Agreement Act 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 1A) 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 2A) 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 3A) 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 4A) 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 5A) 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 6A) 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 7A) 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 8A) 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 9A) 1940* "
- " *Officers' Rights Declaration Act 1940* "

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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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Canberra, 16th December, 1940.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 17.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Northern Territory (Administration) Act (No. 2) 1940* ”  
“ *Commonwealth Public Service 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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Canberra, 16th December, 1940.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 18.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Income Tax Act (No. 2) 1940* ”  
“ *War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940* ”  
“ *War-time (Company) Tax Act 1940* ”  
“ *Wine Export Bounty Act 1940* ”  
“ *Treasury Bills Act 1940* ”  
“ *Post and Telegraph Rates (Defence Forces) Act (No. 2) 1940* ”  
“ *Gold Tax Collection Act (No. 2) 1940* ”  
“ *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act (No. 2) 1940* ”  
“ *Invalid and Old-age Pensions 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.

Government House,  
Canberra, 17th December, 1940.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 19.*

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1940-41* ” 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, 18th December, 1940.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 20.*

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Appropriation Act 1940-41* ” 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.

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Canberra, 23rd December, 1940.

6. DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), he would be Acting Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Defence Co-ordination, and that Sir Earle Page and Senator McBride would be members of the War Cabinet.

The House was also informed that, in addition to the duties previously performed by them, Mr. Collins would assist the Postmaster-General and represent that Minister in the House of Representatives, and Senator Leckie would assist the Minister for the Army.

7. LEADER OF THE COUNTRY PARTY.—Mr. Fadden informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the Country Party.

8. NON-COMMUNIST BRANCH OF THE LABOUR PARTY.—Mr. Beasley informed the House that the Non-Communist Branch of the Labour Party had joined the official Opposition, under the leadership of Mr. Curtin.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1939-40.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations Nos. 47-51.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 279.

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 16.

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

No. 32—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 33—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.

1941—

No. 1—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 2—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union ; and  
Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

Bankruptcy Act—

Rules—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 12.

Twelfth Annual Report by Attorney-General, for year ended 31st July, 1940.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 280.

Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 292.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—C. L. Alford, G. H. M. Birkbeck, K. N. E. Bradfield, N. M. Fricker,  
H. R. Heathcote, F. M. Hilgendorf, F. R. Meere, J. K. Twycross.

Health—J. G. Kelleher, R. A. Turner.

Interior—R. J. Cull.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 36, 42.

Regulations (Parliamentary Officers)—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 18.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 3, 4, 13, 14, 24, 30, 43.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 22.

Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 281.

Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 45.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 289.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—

For Defence purposes—

Adelaide River, Northern Territory.

Bairnsdale, Victoria.

Ballarat, Victoria.

Carnarvon, Western Australia.

Chatswood, New South Wales.

Cootamundra, New South Wales.

Darwin, Northern Territory.

Elizabeth Bay, New South Wales.

Hagley, Tasmania.

Lidcombe, New South Wales.

Maribyrnong, Victoria.

Mile End, South Australia.

Narromine, New South Wales.

North Fremantle, Western Australia.

Oatlands, Tasmania.

Pearce, Western Australia.

Port Adelaide, South Australia.

Rockdale, Municipality of, New South Wales.

Salisbury, South Australia.

Seymour, Victoria.

Townsville, Queensland.

Western Junction, Tasmania.

For Postal purposes—

Dee Why, New South Wales.

Kalkallo, Victoria.

Kilmore, Victoria.

Margaret River, Western Australia.

National Security Act—

Butter and Cheese Acquisition Regulations—Orders—  
Acquisition.

Returns.

National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Apple and Pear  
Acquisition 1940–1941.

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.

National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations—Orders—

Exemption (3).

Foreign currency.

Money orders.

Returns of securities.

Sterling area.

National Security (General) Regulations—

By-laws—Controlled areas.

Orders—

Inventions and designs (58).

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Prohibited places (8).  
 Prohibiting work on land.  
 Taking possession of land, &c. (37).  
 Use of land (7).

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders Nos. 268–326.

Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1940, Nos. 282, 283, 286, 287, 288, 290, 291, 293, 294, 295.

1941, Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 46, 47, 48.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 21.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 5, 23, 44.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1940—

No. 9—Appropriation (No. 3) 1939–1940.

No. 15—Appropriation 1940–1941.

No. 17—Mining (No. 2).

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1941—

No. 1—Public Service.

No. 2—Provident Fund.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 15.

Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1–9)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 284.

Sales Tax Procedure Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 285.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 278.

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

Ordinances—

1940—

No. 22—Court of Petty Sessions (No. 2).

No. 24—Liquor (Renewal of Licences).

1941—

No. 1—Hawkers.

No. 2—Deserted Wives and Children.

Regulations—

1940—No. 8 (Fish Protection Ordinance).

1941—No. 1 (Building and Services Ordinance).

Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 277, 296.

Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 31.

War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 17.

10. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) for Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other Business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the question is put "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair". On such Thursday General Business shall have precedence of Government Business until nine o'clock p.m. Question—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at ten minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anthony, Mr. Coles, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, and Mr. Wilson.

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