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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 1st APRIL, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. 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 Sixteenth Parliament 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.

28th March, 1941.

3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 67.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Tatura, Victoria (4).
Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 65.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION BILL 1941.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Australian Broadcasting Commission Act 1932-1940 '* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th March, 1941.

Mr. Collins (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.

8. PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1941.—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.

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.

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Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) moved, That the Report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Francis moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 18.

Debate ensued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Question—That the Report be adopted—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Anthony, by leave, the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—PAY-ROLL TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) on the 27th March, 1941 (see page 100).

Motion agreed to.

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.

Mr. Anthony 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. Anthony, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Anthony and Mr. Collins do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. PAY-ROLL TAX BILL 1941.—Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon the Payment of Wages* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Anthony moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

11. CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1941.—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. Abbott 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Rosevear be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1941.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to one o'clock a.m., adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Coles*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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