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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1941.

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. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Cameron raised a question of Privilege in that the Notice of Motion, standing in his name, that Statutory Rules 1940, No. 269, being amendment of the National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations, be disallowed, had not been dealt with by the House in accordance with the provisions of the *Acts Interpretation Act*.
Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army) addressed the House on the question raised.
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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS.—Mr. James (Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works) brought up the following Reports from the Committee :—
Report relating to the erection of Abattoirs at Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.
Ordered to be printed.
Report relating to the erection of Temporary Office Buildings at Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.
Ordered, after debate, to be printed.
5. 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.
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.*)

Clause 1—

Progress 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Minister for Labour and National Service in a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Endowments, in respect of certain Children, at the rate of Five shillings per week for each Child.

Canberra, 31st March, 1941.

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. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Minister for Labour and National Service in a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Endowments, in respect of certain Children, at the rate of Five shillings per week for each Child.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Holt, was adopted by the House.

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7. CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 4, after “ maintained ” insert “ in an institution carried on wholly or mainly ”.

Page 2, line 7, after “ Australia ” insert “ or unless the mother is a British subject or has made a declaration under section eighteen A of the *Nationality Act 1920-1936* ”.

Page 2, lines 13-16, omit the definition of “ half-caste ”.

Page 2, line 19, omit “ substantially ”, insert “ mainly ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to, after debate.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 2, lines 38-39, omit sub-clause (1.).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 13 agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 5, line 15, before “ An endowment ” insert “ Subject to this Act ”.

Page 5, line 16, omit “ or a half-caste ”.

Page 5, lines 18-19, omit paragraph (b), insert the following paragraph :—

“(b) the child in respect of whom the endowment is claimed is wholly or mainly dependent upon the Commonwealth or a State for his support.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clause 17—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 5, lines 40-41, omit all words after “ paid ”, insert—

“ — (a) to the mother of the child in respect of whom it is granted ; or

(b) in such cases as are prescribed, to such persons as are respectively prescribed.

“(2.) An endowment shall be paid in such instalments and in such manner as are prescribed.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 21 agreed to.

Clause 22—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following amendment was made :—

Page 6, line 35, after “ shillings ” insert “ per week ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 26 agreed to.

Clause 27—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following amendment was made :—

Page 7, line 24, omit “ Commissioner ”, insert “ Secretary, Department of Social Services ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 28 agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

“ 4A. The Secretary, Department of Social Services, shall, subject to any Administration directions of the Minister, have the general administration of this Act.”.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 99), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

8. RAW COTTON BOUNTY 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

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On the motion of Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 96) the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

9. TRADE AGREEMENT (SOUTHERN RHODESIA) 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. Baker 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.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the honorable Member for Barker (Mr. Cameron) moving forthwith the motion of which he had given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

11. MINISTER FOR THE ARMY—ALIENS CONTROL—WANT OF CONFIDENCE.—Mr. Cameron proposing to move, That the Minister for the Army has lost the confidence of this House because of his handling of the internment, trial and release from internment of certain enemy aliens—

Mr. Speaker asked if any honorable Member seconded the motion, and no Member seconding the motion—

The motion thereupon lapsed.

Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army) and Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made Statements on the matter.

12. TRADE AGREEMENT (SOUTHERN RHODESIA) 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. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (SOUTHERN RHODESIAN PREFERENCE).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[*See* proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Southern Rhodesian Preference) of the 26th March, 1941 (page 94)].

The motion previously moved by Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Harrison and Sir Frederick Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SOUTHERN RHODESIAN PREFERENCE) BILL 1941.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Harrison 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

15. AIR FORCE BILL 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Air) moved, 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 a later hour this day.

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16. EMPIRE AIR SERVICE (ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA) BILL 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Civil Aviation) 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. Badman reported accordingly.

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

17. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION BILL 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Collins (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Calwell addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

18. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Pay-roll Tax Bill 1941]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose a Tax upon the Payment of Wages* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

[Pay-roll Tax Assessment Bill 1941]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon the Payment of Wages* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

[Crimes Bill 1941]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section twenty-nine B of the ‘ Crimes Act 1914-1937 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

[Acts Interpretation Bill 1941]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1937 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

[Defence Bill 1941]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Defence Act 1903-1939 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

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19. AIR FORCE 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.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Air), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to two 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. Coles*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Riordan and Mr. White.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.