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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 23.

THURSDAY, 3RD 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. APPLE AND PEAR COMMITTEE.—Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) announced the appointment of a Committee of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to inquire into the administration and financial operations of the Apple and Pear Marketing Board, and other matters.
3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion amended by Mr. Fadden, by leave, by adding the words “, such date and hour to be not later than Wednesday, the 28th May next, at three o'clock p.m.”.  
Debate continued.  
Motion, as amended, agreed to.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next meeting.  
Question—put and passed.
5. ABATTOIRS, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for Health) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to the House the result of its investigations, viz. :—Canberra, Australian Capital Territory—Erection of Abattoirs.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Conelan, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).  
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the Dissolution of the Fifteenth Parliament, recommend that the following be printed :—

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

Elections and Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections, and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1940 ; Detailed Return in relation to the Election for the House of Representatives, 1940, for the Northern Territory ; together with Summaries of Elections and Referendums, 1903-1940.

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## Elections, 1940—

Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Sub-division in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1940, viz. :—

New South Wales.  
Queensland.  
South Australia.  
Tasmania.  
Victoria.  
Western Australia.

International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Twenty-fifth Session, Geneva, June, 1939—Reports of the Australian Delegates.

Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1939–40.

Postmaster-General's Department—Thirtieth Report, for year 1939–40.

Wool—Report of the Central Wool Committee for period ended 30th June, 1940.

The Committee noted the printing by a private printing company of the Report of the Department of Civil Aviation for 1939–40, and resolved that Departmental reports should be printed only by the Government Printer, and that the Resolution be brought to the notice of the Government.

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W. P. CONELAN,  
Chairman.

Mr. Conelan moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

## 7. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, as at 31st December, 1940; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Papua—Report for year 1939–40.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—No. 5—Amalgamated Engineering Union; Australasian Society of Engineers; Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen; Australian Workers' Union; Boilermakers' Society of Australia; and Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—

For Defence purposes—

Darwin, Northern Territory.

Seymour, Victoria.

For Postal purposes—Corbie Hill, New South Wales.

National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Prohibited places (3).

Prohibiting work on land.

Taking possession of land, &c. (49).

Use of land (7).

## 8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 24.*

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Canberra, 12th 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. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

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.

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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.*)

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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE.

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 25.*

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Canberra, 12th 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. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

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.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—WINE GRAPES CHARGES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) moved—

1. That, subject to any lower rate prescribed by regulations made under the *Wine Grapes Charges Act 1929-1937*, or under that Act as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution, a charge be imposed at the rate of Five shillings per ton on all fresh grapes, and at the rate of Fifteen shillings per ton on all dried grapes, delivered for use in the manufacture of brandy or concentrated grape juice to a winery or distillery which during the year in which those grapes are so delivered, handles not less than ten tons of grapes for use in the manufacture of wine, including use in the manufacture of brandy and concentrated grape juice, and also including use in the making of spirit for the purpose of fortifying wine.

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2. That the Governor-General be empowered, from time to time, by order published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, after report to the Minister by the Australian Wine Board constituted under the *Wine Overseas Marketing Act 1929-1936*, to exempt any grapes from the charges imposed by the *Wine Grapes Charges Act 1929-1937*, as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution.

3. That any such exemption may be unconditional or subject to such conditions as are specified in the order of exemption, and apply in respect of such period (if any) as is so specified.

4. That the Governor-General be empowered, by order published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, to cancel any such exemption.

5. That, where the Governor-General has, by order published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, cancelled any such exemption, or where the period in respect of which any such exemption applies has expired, the charges imposed by the *Wine Grapes Charges Act 1929-1937*, as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution, from the date fixed by the order, or from the expiration of the period of exemption, as the case may be, become payable in respect of the grapes to which the exemption related.

6. That the charges imposed by the *Wine Grapes Charges Act 1929-1937*, as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution, cease to be imposed after the date fixed by Proclamation under the *Wine Grapes Charges Act 1929-1937*, as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution, as the date upon which that Act, as so amended, shall cease to be in force.

Debate ensued.

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.

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

12. WINE GRAPES CHARGES BILL 1941.—Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Wine Grapes Charges Act 1929-1937’*”, 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.

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.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Notices of Motion, Government Business.

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1941.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Harrison 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. Harrison 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. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL 1941.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals.

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Question—put and passed.

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

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

16. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY) VALIDATION BILL 1941.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

17. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1941.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

18. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1941.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

19. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1941.—Mr. Collins (Assistant Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1940*.

Question—put and passed.

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Mr. Collins 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. Collins 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. Collins, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1941.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 39.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend section four of the ‘ War Service Homes Act 1918-1937’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Holt 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. Guy reported accordingly.

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

21. WAR DEVELOPMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement referring to developments in the war situation and reviewing international affairs, especially those affecting Australia and the Pacific, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

War Developments and International Affairs—Ministerial Statement by the Minister for External Affairs, 3rd April, 1941—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Brennan 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.

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

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 26.*

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.

Canberra, 12th 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. 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. Martens 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.

3rd April, 1941.

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. Collins 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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

23. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—BERRY FRUIT-GROWERS' RELIEF BILL 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 27.*

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the making of Loans to the State of Tasmania for the Purpose of Relief to Berry Fruit-growers, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 2nd April, 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. Anthony (Assistant Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the making of Loans to the State of Tasmania for the Purpose of Relief to Berry Fruit-growers, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Anthony 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. Anthony 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.*)

Clause 1—

Mr. Barnard proposing to move as an amendment, That the word "Berry" be omitted—

*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled the proposed amendment out of order on the ground that it varied the terms of the Governor-General's Message.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At eight minutes past eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

[*Child Endowment Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

[*Raw Cotton Bounty Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1940 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

[*Trade Agreement (Southern Rhodesia) Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to approve an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Southern Rhodesia* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

[*Empire Air Service (England to Australia) Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the execution of an Agreement relating to the Empire Air Service between England and Australia* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

[*Air Force Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section eight of the ‘ Air Force Act 1923–1939 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

[*Customs Tariff (Southern Rhodesian Preference) Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

[*War Pensions Appropriation Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 46.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.



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[*Wine Grapes Charges Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wine Grapes Charges Act 1929-1937'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

Message No. 48.  
J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

J. B. HAYES,  
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Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

J. B. HAYES,  
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[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

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The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Validation Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Commonwealth Public Service Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1940'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Loan Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Berry Fruit-growers' Relief Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the making of loans to the State of Tasmania for the Purpose of Relief to Berry Fruit-growers, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd April, 1941.

J. B. HAYES,  
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25. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

*Department of Information.*—Mr. Fadden, by leave, made a Statement regarding criticism by the honorable Member for Melbourne (Mr. Calwell) of the Department of Information.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter, such date and hour to be not later than Wednesday, the 28th May next, at three o'clock p.m., as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

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

\* On leave.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*