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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 24.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MAY, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 3rd April last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MEMBER AND ISSUE OF WRIT (BOOTHBY DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 23rd April last, of the honorable Member for Boothby (Mr. John Lloyd Price), and informed the House that he had, on the 6th May, issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Boothby, in the State of South Australia, in the place of the deceased gentleman. The dates in connexion with the Election were fixed as follows:—

Date of Issue of Writ	..	..	..	Tuesday, 6th May, 1941.
Date of Nomination	..	..	..	Wednesday, 14th May, 1941.
Date of Polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 24th May, 1941.
Date of Return of Writ	..	..	..	On or before Saturday, 14th June, 1941.
3. DEATH OF MEMBER (MR. J. L. PRICE).—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 23rd April last, of Mr. J. L. Price, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. John Lloyd Price, who at the time of his death was Member for the Division of Boothby in the House of Representatives, and was formerly a Member of the South Australian Parliament, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE J. A. BOYD.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 12th April last, of the Honorable J. A. Boyd, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable James Arthur Boyd, a former Member of the Victorian and Commonwealth Parliaments and State Minister, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
5. DEATH OF MR. A. HAY.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 8th May, of Mr. A. Hay, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. Alexander Hay, a former Member for the Division of New England in this House, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
6. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
7. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
8. 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. 28.

A Proposed Law intituled "*War Service Homes Act 1941*" 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.

Canberra, 4th April, 1941.

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GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 29.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941* ”
- “ *Pay-roll Tax Act 1941* ”
- “ *Defence Act 1941* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1941* ”
- “ *Crimes Act 1941* ”
- “ *Acts Interpretation Act 1941* ”

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.

Canberra, 4th April, 1941.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 30.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Child Endowment Act 1941* ”
- “ *Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1941* ”
- “ *Trade Agreement (Southern Rhodesia) Act 1941* ”
- “ *Empire Air Service (England to Australia) Act 1941* ”
- “ *Air Force Act 1941* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Southern Rhodesian Preference) 1941* ”
- “ *War Pensions Appropriation Act 1941* ”
- “ *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1941* ”
- “ *Wine Grapes Charges Act 1941* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1941* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Act 1941* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Validation Act 1941* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Act 1941* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Validation Act 1941* ”
- “ *Loan Act 1941* ”
- “ *Berry Fruit-growers' Relief Act 1941* ”

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.

Canberra, 7th April, 1941.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
National Security Act—National Security (Rabbit Skins) Regulations—Notice—Suspension of regulations.

Nauru—Ordinance—1941—No. 1—Cemeteries.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 68, 106.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—

No. 6—Arms, Explosives and Munitions Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 7—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 31st December, 1940, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Interior—K. C. McKenzie, D. D. Smith.

Labour and National Service—D. V. Youngman.

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1940.

Customs Act—

Proclamation prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of Ores and Concentrates ; Metals and Metal Manufactures ; Drugs and Chemicals ; Miscellaneous (dated 13th May, 1941).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 84.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 109.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 89.

Defence (Visiting Forces) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 105.

Estate Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 78.

Immigration Act—Return for 1940.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—

For Commonwealth Bank of Australia purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.

For Defence purposes—

Abbotsford, Victoria.

Adelaide, South Australia.

Bonegilla, Victoria.

Cheltenham, South Australia.

Cootamundra, New South Wales.

Duck River, Tasmania.

Elizabeth Bay, New South Wales.

Essendon (near), Victoria.

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Geraldton, Western Australia.
 Greenslopes, Queensland.
 Laverton, Victoria.
 Midland Junction, Western Australia.
 Mount Gambier, South Australia.
 Mount Gambier (near), South Australia.
 Myrtleford, Victoria.
 Northam, Western Australia.
 Parkes (near), New South Wales.
 Pierson's Point, Tasmania.
 Port Melbourne, Victoria.
 Somers, near Balnarring, Victoria.

For Postal purposes—

Bald Hills, Queensland.
 Cremorne, New South Wales.
 Dandenong, Victoria.
 Ipswich, Queensland.
 Liverpool, New South Wales.
 North Essendon, Victoria.

National Security Act—

Butter and Cheese Acquisition Regulations—Order—Acquisition.

National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations—Orders—

Aliens Employment.

Aliens Movements.

National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations—Order—Sterling area.

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Air Restrictions.

Control of Photography.

Inventions and designs (50).

Pilotage Exemption (Transports).

Prohibited place.

Prohibiting work on land (2).

Protection of Shipping (Degaussing Equipment).

Protection of Shipping (Paravane Equipment).

Taking possession of land, &c. (36).

Use of land (4).

Wireless Operators and Watches in Australian Ships.

Wireless Transmitting Apparatus (Possession).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 62, 63, 64, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 102, 103, 104, 110, 111.

Nationality Act—Return for 1940.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 81, 82.

Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 83.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1941—No. 3—Scaffolding and Lifts.

Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 101.

10. PRIME MINISTER'S MISSION ABROAD AND WAR POSITION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing his visit to the Middle East, the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States of America, New Zealand and other countries, and surveying the present war position, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Prime Minister's Mission Abroad and War Position—Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister, 28th May, 1941—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten 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. Blain.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.