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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 41.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 28th August last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RESIGNATION OF PRIME MINISTER AND FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister) informed the House that, on the 29th August last, consequent on the resignation of Mr. Menzies as Prime Minister, His Excellency the Governor-General had commissioned him to form a Ministry.
Mr. Fadden announced that, in addition to his appointment as Prime Minister, he had been appointed Treasurer, Mr. Menzies had been appointed Minister for Defence Co-ordination, and that no other change had been made in the portfolios held on the 28th August.
Mr. Fadden also informed the House that the Minister for Aircraft Production would be represented in the House of Representatives by the Minister for Air.
3. DEATH OF MR. W. K. BOLTON.—Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 8th instant, of Mr. W. K. Bolton, and moved, That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of Mr. William Kinsey Bolton, C.B.E., V.D., a former Member of the Senate, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Menzies (Minister for Defence Co-ordination) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. DEATH OF MR. MILLICE CULPIN.—Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 1st instant, of Mr. Millice Culpin, and moved, That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of Mr. Millice Culpin, a former Member of this House for the Division of Brisbane, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deepest sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Menzies (Minister for Defence Co-ordination) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
GOWRIE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 37.*
A Proposed Law intituled " *Supply Act (No. 2) 1941-42* " 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, 29th August, 1941.
6. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—FIRST PROGRESS REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Francis, Chairman, brought up the First Progress Report from the Joint Committee on Rural Industries, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Cameron 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.
7. WAGES OF MUNITIONS WORKERS—WAR LOADINGS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the increases in wages granted to persons engaged in munitions production.

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8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Munitions Production in Australia—Extracts from confidential Report by members of British Ministry of Supply during visit to Australia, January, 1941, and Summary of Conclusions of Sir Alexander Roger.
 Tariff Board—Report—Bounty on wooden and composite ships.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 Tariff Board—Reports—
 Bounty on electric cable and wire, rubber-covered.
 Carpets, carpeting and carpet rugs.
 Elastic 1 inch to 2 inches in width.
 Enamelled wire, covered or not covered, and other magnet winding wires.
 Knitted elastic piece goods.
 Oregon logs and oregon junk timber.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on applications made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania for Financial Assistance in 1941-42 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.
 Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for relief dealt with during the year 1940-41.
9. TARIFF BOARD—ANNUAL REPORT, 1940-41—MOTION FOR PRINTING REPORT.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper :—
 Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1940-41, together with Summary of Recommendations—
 and moved, That the Report be printed.
 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 the next sitting.
10. VISIT OF SIR EARLE PAGE TO LONDON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Minister for Commerce (Sir Earle Page) would proceed to London at an early date to discuss with the United Kingdom Government war matters of vital common interest.
11. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—SURVEY OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1941—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement surveying the latest developments in international affairs and the progress of the war and made reference to Australia's policy in the Pacific region. Sir Frederick Stewart then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
 International Affairs—Survey of Latest Developments—Ministerial Statement, 17th September, 1941.
 Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister) 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 a later hour this day.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Makin :—
 GOWRIE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 33.*
 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 amend the *Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1940-1941*.
 Canberra, 17th September, 1941.
 Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
 Mr. Makin left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
- (In the Committee.)
- Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1940-1941*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Resolution to be reported.
- The House resumed ; Mr. Rankin reported accordingly.
 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.

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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.

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, 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 the next sitting.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CABLE AND WIRE BOUNTY BILL 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Makin :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 39.

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 provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Production of Rubber-insulated Cable and Rubber-insulated Wire.

Canberra, 17th September, 1941.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Production of Rubber-insulated Cable and Rubber-insulated Wire.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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, 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 the next sitting.

14. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 12th September, 1941) prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Drugs and Chemicals, viz. :—Ether, sulphuric ; Sulphanilamide ; Sulphapyridine ; Sulphathiazole.

Miscellaneous :—Aluminium paint ; Charcoal ; Cotton thread and yarn ; Films, used motion picture and other used photographic ; Horsehair ; Hose, rubber and woven canvas ; Paints, lacquers, enamels, varnishes, thinners, containing any of the following—Acetone, butyl acetate, ethyl acetate, nitrocellulose ; Rubber-tyres and tubes ; Sisalkraft board.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 216, 218.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—

For Defence purposes—

Ballarat East, Victoria.

Bankstown, New South Wales.

Coff's Harbour, New South Wales.

Werribee (near), Victoria.

For Department of Health purposes—Darwin, Northern Territory.

For Postal purposes—Gympie, Queensland.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—

By-laws—Controlled area.

Orders—

Control of lights and traffic.

Prohibited places (2).

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Prohibiting work on land.
Protected area.
Taking possession of land, &c. (93).
Use of land (17).

National Security (Housing of War Workers) Regulations—Orders—Prescribed area (2).
National Security (Statistics) Regulations—Order—Collection of statistics.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 207, 208, 209, 210, 212, 213, 214.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 215, 217.
Peace Officers Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 204.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances—1941—
No. 8—Juries.
No. 9—Police Superannuation.

15. POWER ALCOHOL—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army), That the Paper [*presented on the 25th June last*], viz. :—

Power Alcohol—Report of Committee of Inquiry—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past nine 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, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. White.

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