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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 42.

THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1941.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Frost presented a Petition from certain apple and pear growers of Tasmania praying that legislation be enacted to continue the present Commonwealth apple and pear acquisition scheme.
Petition received and read.
3. MISSING SOLDIERS AND PRISONERS OF WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the efforts made to trace members of the Australian Imperial Force reported missing and of the action taken to ensure proper treatment of Australian prisoners of war and to provide them with comforts.
4. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE CO-ORDINATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Minister for Defence Co-ordination), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the functions and organization of the Department of Defence Co-ordination.
5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Rosevear rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The failure of the Government to make provision for the widows of the crew of the M.V. *Nimbin* to secure the benefits of the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940*."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Rosevear moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—No. 23—
Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—
Bairnsdale (near), Victoria.
Laverton, Victoria.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinance—1941—No. 13—Medical Benefits and Hospitals (No. 2).
Regulations—1941—
No. 9 (Darwin Administration Ordinance).
No. 10 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).
7. RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 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.

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

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Debate continued.

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 (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 178) the Bill was read a third time.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.
9. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT (WAR POWERS) BILL 1941.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs), for Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright (War Powers) Act 1939–1940*.
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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. JUDICIARY BILL 1941.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs), for Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections thirty-nine and forty-nine of the *Judiciary Act 1903–1940*.
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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. CABLE AND WIRE 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—
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 (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 179) the Bill was read a third time.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
13. ABBCO BREAD CONTRACT—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION—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 21st August*], viz. :—
Abcco Bread Contract—Report of Royal Commission—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Rosevear be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.
14. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
15. DEFENDERS OF TOBRUK—CONGRATULATIONS OF PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army), by leave, moved, That the following signal be conveyed to the Men of Tobruk through the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Army :—
“ The Parliament of the Commonwealth has placed on record its appreciation of your magnificently stubborn feat of arms. The Prime Minister and the Minister for the Army, therefore, convey to you this Parliament’s congratulations on your most effective, gallant and courageous resistance. When the history of this war is written, the epic of Tobruk will certainly be one of its most glorious pages.”
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion.
Question—put and passed.

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16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put.
 The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

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| Mr. Abbott | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Menzies |
| Mr. Beck | Mr. Paterson |
| Sir George Bell | Mr. Perkins |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Price |
| Mr. Coles | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Collins | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Spender |
| Mr. Harrison | Mr. Spooner |
| Mr. Holt | Sir Frederick Stewart |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Jolly | |
| Sir Charles Marr | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Marwick | |
| Mr. McCall | Mr. Corser |
| Mr. McDonald | Mr. Guy |

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| Mr. Baker | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. McLeod |
| Mr. Blackburn | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Evatt | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Falstein | |
| Mr. Forde | |
| Mr. Frost | |
| Mr. Holloway | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. James | Mr. Lawson |
| Mr. Johnson | Mr. Sheehan |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Wednesday next at three 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.