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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 44.

THURSDAY, 25TH 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. USE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR SECURITY PURPOSES—ROYAL COMMISSION—STATEMENTS.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the use of special funds for security purposes.
Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister) and Mr. James, by leave, also made Statements in connexion with the matter.
3. BROADCASTING—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Collins (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That the time for bringing up the Report from the Joint Committee on Wireless Broadcasting, appointed on the 3rd July, 1941, be extended for three months from the 3rd October, 1941.
Question—put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ESTIMATES 1941-42.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 40.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 25th September, 1941.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 41.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 25th September, 1941.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

6. SUPPLY—BUDGET STATEMENT.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£8,470
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be agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. PAPER.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1941-42—Papers presented by the Honorable A. W. Fadden, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1941-42.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
8. 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.
Question—put and passed.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the second day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1939 as so amended.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Item.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

53. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Dates per lb.	3d.	3d.	3d.”
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Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Apple and Pear Organization Act—Third Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board for year 1940-41, together with Statement by Minister regarding operation of Act.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of E. W. H. Stoddart, Department of the Interior.
11. LIGHTHOUSES BILL 1941.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Lighthouses Act* 1911-1919.
Question—put and passed.
12. NAVIGATION BILL 1941.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act* 1912-1935 and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for Transport) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past eight o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Hughes, Sir Earle Page and Mr. White.

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