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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 53.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Leslie Blackwell, K.C., M.C., a Member of the Parliament of the Union of South Africa, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—
  - (1) That Mr. Conelan and Mr. Lawson be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on War Expenditure.
  - (2) That Mr. Morgan be appointed to serve on such Committee.
  - (3) That the Senate be asked to appoint an additional Member of the Senate to serve on the Committee.
  - (4) That the foregoing resolutions be communicated to the Senate by Message.
 Question—put and passed.
4. SOCIAL SECURITY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—
  - (1) That Mr. Barnard be the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Social Security in place of Mr. Perkins, resigned as Chairman.
  - (2) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.
 Question—put and passed.
5. PROFITS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—
  - (1) That Mr. Watkins be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Profits.
  - (2) That the Senate be asked to appoint an additional Member of the Senate to serve on the Committee.
  - (3) That the foregoing resolutions be communicated to the Senate by Message.
 Question—put and passed.
6. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—
  - (1) That Mr. Frost and Mr. Scully be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Rural Industries.
  - (2) That Mr. Baker and Mr. Langtry be appointed to serve on such Committee.
  - (3) That the foregoing resolutions be communicated to the Senate by Message.
 Question—put and passed.
7. MAN-POWER AND RESOURCES SURVEY COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the present personnel of the Man-power and Resources Survey Committee.
8. AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the appointment to the Australian Wheat Board of three additional representatives of the wheat-growers.
9. AMALGAMATED WIRELESS (AUSTRALASIA) LTD.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the appointment of Mr. E. H. Bourne, Chief Inspector (Telegraphs), Postmaster-General's Department, as a representative of the Commonwealth on the Board of Directors of Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd., in the place of the late Mr. J. D. Millen.
10. COMMONWEALTH BANK BOARD—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the appointment of Mr. W. C. Taylor to the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, in the place of Mr. Drummond whose term was about to expire.
11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 

Hire Purchase and Cash Order Systems—Reports (2) of Board of Inquiry appointed under National Security (Inquiries) Regulations.

 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 259.  
 Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 29th October, 1941) prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Calcium carbide; Sodium carbonate (soda crystals).  
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 245, 246.  
 High Commissioner Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 258.  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Footscray, Victoria (2).  
 National Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 247, 248, 249, 250, 252, 253, 254, 255.  
 New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1941—  
 No. 5—Ordinances Interpretation.  
 No. 17—Appropriation (No. 3) 1940-1941.  
 No. 18—Mortgagors' Relief (No. 2).  
 No. 19—Succession Duties.  
 No. 20—Dog.  
 No. 21—Police Offences (No. 2).  
 No. 23—Customs Tariff (No. 2).  
 No. 24—Mines and Works Regulation.  
 Petroleum Oil Search Act—Statement of Expenditure from 28th May, 1936, to 30th June, 1941.  
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1941—No. 16—Motor Traffic.

12. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
 Question—put and passed.
13. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances . . . . . £8,470

be agreed to.

Ordered—That Mr. Rosevear be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Rankin reported accordingly.

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

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

[War Expenditure—Joint Committee]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolutions, which were this day agreed to by the Senate:—

- (1) That the Senate agrees to appoint an additional Member of the Senate to serve on the Joint Committee on War Expenditure, as requested by the House of Representatives.
- (2) That Senators Ashley and Clothier be discharged from attendance, and that Senators Arthur, Darcey and Lamp be appointed to serve, on such Committee.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 12th November, 1941.

[Social Security—Joint Committee]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolutions, which were this day agreed to by the Senate:—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the appointment of Mr. Barnard as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Social Security in place of Mr. Perkins, resigned as Chairman.
- (2) That Senator Keane be discharged from attendance, and that Senator Arnold be appointed to serve, on such Committee.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
 President.

The Senate,  
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[*Profits—Joint Committee*]

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 72.*

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolutions, which were this day agreed to by the Senate :—

- (1) That the Senate agrees to appoint an additional Member of the Senate to serve on the Joint Committee on Profits, as requested by the House of Representatives.
- (2) That Senator Armstrong be discharged from attendance, and that Senators Courtice and Large be appointed to serve, on such Committee.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 12th November, 1941.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1941.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Jolly, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Spender, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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