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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 61.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.
Question—put and passed.
3. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—SECOND PROGRESS REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Chairman, brought up the Second Progress Report from the Joint Committee on Rural Industries, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
4. CONTROL OF PRICES—FIRMS DECLARED—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the names of firms declared for non-observance of price control principles.
5. TAXATION PROPOSALS—REPORT OF COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the consideration given by the Committee of Members to the Gift Duty proposals, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table, the following Paper :—
Gift Duty Proposals—Report of Committee of Members of the House of Representatives.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—No. 33—
Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 264.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 48.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1941 "
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1941 "
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1941 "
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1941 "
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1941 "
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1941 "
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1941 "
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1941 "
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1941 "
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1941 "
- " Customs Tariff Validation Act (No. 2) 1941 "
- " Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Act (No. 2) 1941 "
- " Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Validation Act (No. 2) 1941 "
- " Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Act (No. 2) 1941 "
- " Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Validation Act (No. 2) 1941 "
- " Excise Tariff Validation Act 1941 "
- " Invalid and Old-age Pensions 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.

Government House,

Canberra, 25th November, 1941.

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

[*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 82.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1940'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

[*War-time (Company) Tax Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 84.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'War-time (Company) Tax Act 1940'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1941.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 83.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, after clause 5, insert the following new clause :—

" 5A. After section thirty-seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—
' 38. This Act shall continue in force until six months after the end of the financial ^{Duration of} year during which the present war between His Majesty the King and Germany ^{Act.} terminates, and no longer.' "

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report.

10. GIFT DUTY ASSESSMENT 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—
Debate resumed.

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.*)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the following amendments were made :—

Page 1, after line 17 insert " ' Board of Review ' means a Board of Review constituted under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1940* ; "

Page 2, lines 13-16, omit paragraph (e), insert the following paragraph :—

" (e) the exercise of a general power of appointment of property (including any judgment or order of any Court made in default of the exercise of the power by the donee thereof) in favour of any person other than the donee of the power ; and "

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, line 41, after " Valuation Board " insert " or a Board of Review "

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 5, lines 26–27, omit “ or carried out ”.

Page 5, lines 36–37, omit “ or is carried out or completed ”.

Page 5, line 43, omit “ registered ”, insert “ lodged for registration ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 7, lines 7–40, omit paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), insert the following paragraphs :—

- “ (a) contributions by an employer to a fund established for the purpose of providing retiring allowances or pensions for his employees, or any class or classes of his employees, or their dependants ;
- (b) payments made by an employer to an employee, or the dependants of an employee, in consequence of the retirement of that employee from the service of the employer or in consequence of his death, or any gratuity or bonus paid by an employer to an employee during the continuance of the employment if the Commissioner is satisfied that the gratuity or bonus is paid in recognition of special or faithful services rendered, or any salary, wages or allowances which the employer continues to pay during any period of illness or invalidity of the employee ;
- (c) any moneys paid by an employer to an employee who is a member of the Defence Force or of the naval, military or air force of any other part of His Majesty's dominions, for the purpose of augmenting the employee's pay as a member of any of those forces ;
- (d) any gift to an institution, organization or body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate, not formed or carried on for the profit of any individuals ;
- (e) any gift to the Commonwealth or a State ;
- (f) any gift which is made in the course of carrying on a business, for the purpose of obtaining any commercial benefit or by way of the writing off of a debt which is irrecoverable by—
- (i) an incorporated company the shares or stock of which are or is quoted in the official list of any Stock Exchange ;
- (ii) an incorporated company the shares or stock of which are not or is not quoted in the official list of any Stock Exchange, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the donee is not a director of the company or is not connected by ties of blood or marriage with any director of the company ; or
- (iii) a firm or individual if the Commissioner is satisfied that the donee is not connected by ties of blood or marriage with any member of the firm or with the individual, as the case may be ;
- (fa) any premiums, not exceeding One hundred pounds per annum, paid by a person on a policy effected by him on his own life and expressed to be for the benefit of his wife or any of his children ; ”.

Page 7, lines 42–45, after “ business ” (wherever occurring) insert “, trade or calling ”.

Page 8, lines 4 and 6, omit “ thirty ”, insert “ eighteen ”.

Page 8, line 8, omit “ Twenty ”, insert “ Fifty ”.

Page 8, lines 12–14, omit “ of the wife, husband or child of the donor or for or towards the education or apprenticeship of a child of the donor ”, insert “, education or apprenticeship of any person ”.

Page 8, lines 18–21, omit sub-clause (2.).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendment was made :—

Page 8, line 23, omit “ as a gift *inter vivos* ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 8, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause :—

“ (2.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding sub-section, where the disponent's interest is by way of mortgage or charge and the mortgage or charge is wholly or partly satisfied by payment within five years of the making of the disposition, the Commissioner shall treat that payment as part of the consideration for the disposition and shall reassess the gift duty payable and make any refund which is necessary in consequence of the re-assessment.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendment was made :—

Page 9, lines 21–25, omit paragraph (d), insert the following paragraph :—

“ (d) where a gift includes any shares or stock in any company the shares or stock of which are not or is not quoted in the official list of any Stock Exchange, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, adopt as the value of any such shares or stock such sum as the holder thereof would receive in the event of the company being voluntarily wound up on the date when the gift was made.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause 19—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 9, line 30, omit " thirty ", insert " eighteen ".

Page 10, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause :—

" (4.) For the purposes of this section, ' gift ' shall not include any gift in respect of which gift duty is declared by section fourteen of this Act not to be payable."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 24 agreed to.

Clause 25—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 10, line 42, after " gift " insert " , but any such charge shall not affect the title of a bona fide purchaser for value without notice of the charge ".

Page 11, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause :—

" (7.) Where the donee is a trustee he shall not be personally liable for the payment of any gift duty in respect of any trust property unless the Commissioner, by notice in writing, advises him that gift duty is due and payable in respect of that trust property, and then only to the extent of the value of so much of that trust property as is held by him on the date upon which the notice is served upon him."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 26 to 30 agreed to.

Clause 31—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendment was made :—

Page 12, lines 6-9, omit paragraph (a), insert the following paragraph :—

" (a) in writing, request the Commissioner—

(i) to refer so much of the decision as relates to the value assigned to any property included in the gift to a Valuation Board for review of that value ; or

(ii) to refer so much of the decision as does not relate to the value assigned to any property included in the gift to a Board of Review for a review of that decision ; or "

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 32—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendments were made :—

Page 12, lines 18-46, before the word " Board " (wherever occurring) and before the word " Board's " (wherever occurring) insert the word " Valuation ".

Page 12, lines 21-46, omit " real " (wherever occurring).

Page 12, lines 35-39, omit sub-clause (6.), insert the following sub-clause :—

" (6.) The objector may, within thirty days after the Valuation Board's decision, request the Commissioner, in writing, to refer his objection, so far as it relates to grounds not dealt with by the Valuation Board, to a Board of Review or to the High Court or the Supreme Court of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 33—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendment was made :—

Page 13, lines 1-3, omit " sub-section (4.) of section thirty-one of this Act or sub-section (6.) of the last preceding section ", insert " the provisions of this Part ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 34 to 44 agreed to.

New clauses—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following new clauses were inserted in the Bill, after debate :—

" 32A.—(1.) Where the objector has, in accordance with section thirty-one of this Act, requested the Commissioner to refer a decision to a Board of Review, the Commissioner shall, if the objector's request is accompanied by a deposit of One pound, refer the decision to a Board of Review not later than sixty days after the receipt of the request.

(2.) The objector shall be limited on the review to the grounds which he has stated in his objection.

(3.) If the assessment has been reduced by the Commissioner after considering the objection, the reduced assessment shall be the assessment dealt with by the Board of Review under the next succeeding sub-section.

(4.) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, the Board of Review shall give a decision and may either confirm, reduce, increase or vary the assessment.

(5.) In default of the appearance of the objector before the Board of Review, for the purpose of review, the Board of Review shall confirm the assessment :

Provided that upon good cause shown, the Board of Review may, within the prescribed time, re-open the matter and review the assessment.

(6.) For the purposes of reviewing the assessment, a Board of Review shall have all the powers and functions of the Commissioner in making assessments, determinations and decisions under this Act, and such assessments, determinations and decisions of a Board of Review and its decisions upon review, shall for all purposes (except for the purpose of objections thereto and review thereof and appeals therefrom) be deemed to be assessments, determinations or decisions of the Commissioner :

Provided that a Board of Review shall not reduce or increase any value assigned in the assessment to any property, but shall accept as final the value assigned to the property by the Commissioner, or, where the value has been reduced or increased by a Valuation Board, by the Valuation Board.

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(7.) The objector may, within thirty days after the decision of the Board of Review, request the Commissioner, in writing, to refer his objection, so far as it relates to the value assigned to any property in the assessment, to a Valuation Board.

(8.) Where a Board of Review has reviewed any assessment and given any decision thereon and the value assigned to any property in that assessment is subsequently reduced or increased by a Valuation Board, the Commissioner shall vary the assessment to give effect to the decision of the Valuation Board.

(9.) The Commissioner or the objector may, within thirty days after the decision of a Board of Review, appeal to the High Court from any decision of the Board of Review in this connexion which, in the opinion of the High Court, involves a question of law, and the Board shall refer to the High Court any question of law arising before the Board of Review, and the decision of the High Court shall be final and conclusive."

" 38A. The provisions of section fifty-two A of the *Commonwealth Incribed Stock Act* 1911-1940 shall not apply to exempt from gift duty assessed under this Act the disposition of any property to which that section applies."

S. 52A of
Commonwealth
Incribed Stock
Act not to
apply.

" 38B. Where any disposition of property is subject to gift duty under this Act and also under the law of any country outside Australia, and the Commissioner is satisfied that the law of that country makes provision for the rebate of gift duty similar to the provision contained in this section, the Commissioner may allow a rebate of the gift duty payable under this Act of an amount equal to one-half of the gift duty payable under this Act or under the law of that country, whichever is the lesser amount."

Rebate in case
of double gift
duty.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. WAYS AND MEANS—GIFT DUTY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 29th October, 1941 (*see page 204*).

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—

Paragraph 3, omit " thirty " (wherever occurring), insert " eighteen ".

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

12. GIFT DUTY BILL 1941.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act to impose a Duty upon Gifts* ", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, 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. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 29th October, 1941 (*see page 204*).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) 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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

14. LAND TAX BILL 1941.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1910-1940'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Calwell was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

15. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—War-time Banking Control Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 272.

16. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE—FIRST PROGRESS REPORT.—Mr. Johnson, Deputy-Chairman, brought up the First Progress Report from the Joint Committee on War Expenditure, and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

17. LAND TAX 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—

Debate resumed.

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. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

18. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTATE DUTY.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 29th October, 1941 (see page 204).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) 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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

19. ESTATE DUTY BILL 1941.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Estate Duty Act 1914-1940'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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20. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 29th October, 1941 (see pages 202–203).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) 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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

21. INCOME TAX BILL 1941.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intitled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

22. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. McDonald, viz. :—That all words after “ Bill ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ be withdrawn temporarily and re-introduced with the provisions of Statutory Rules 1941 No. 261 incorporated therein ”*—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

New clause—

Mr. Harrison moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“ 5. This Act shall continue in operation until a date to be fixed by Proclamation, ^{Duration of Act.} and no longer, but in any event not longer than six months after His Majesty ceases to be engaged in war.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 22.

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| Mr. Abbott | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. McEwen |
| Sir George Bell | Mr. Menzies |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Collins | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Mr. Spender |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Spooner |
| Mr. Harrison | Sir Frederick Stewart |
| Mr. Holt | |
| Mr. Hutchinson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Jolly | Mr. Marwick |
| Mr. McCall | Mr. Price |

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| Mr. Baker | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Breen | Mr. McLeod |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Falstein | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Frost | |
| Mr. Holloway | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Johnson | Mr. Conelan |
| Mr. Lawson | Mr. Sheehan |
| Mr. Lazzarini | |

And so it was negatived.

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Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lawson (Minister representing the Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—LAND TAX BILL 1941.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 85.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Land Tax Act 1910-1940 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

24. STATES GRANTS 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—
Debate resumed.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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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. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

25. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1941-42 [No. 2].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Vote—" Parliament, £155,400 "—agreed to.

Vote—" Prime Minister's Department, £745,000 "—debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House :—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1941-42, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £107,164,000.

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

| | | |
|---|---|-------------|
| Parliament | £ | 155,400 |
| Prime Minister's Department | | 745,000 |
| Department of External Affairs | | 134,000 |
| Department of the Treasury | | 1,021,100 |
| Attorney-General's Department | | 291,600 |
| Department of the Interior | | 494,700 |
| Defence and War (1939-41) Services— | £ | |
| Department of Defence Co-ordination | | 891,000 |
| Department of the Navy | | 25,645,000 |
| Department of the Army | | 108,000,000 |
| Department of Air | | 43,055,000 |
| Department of Supply and Development | | 3,540,000 |
| Department of Munitions | | 23,060,000 |
| Department of Aircraft Production | | 1,467,000 |
| Other War Services | | 2,267,000 |
| Other Administrations—Recoverable Expenditure | | 6,000,000 |
| | | 213,925,000 |
| Less Amount Chargeable to Loan Fund | | 139,338,000 |
| | | 74,587,000 |

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| | £ |
|--|-------------|
| Department of Civil Aviation | 474,300 |
| Department of Trade and Customs | 736,000 |
| Department of Health | 151,900 |
| Department of Commerce | 574,000 |
| Department of Social Services | 349,000 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 1,032,000 |
| Refunds of Revenue | 3,200,000 |
| Advance to the Treasurer | 6,000,000 |
| War (1914-18) Services | 1,266,000 |
| Total PART 1 | 91,212,000 |
| PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS. | |
| Commonwealth Railways | 1,103,000 |
| Postmaster-General's Department | 13,897,000 |
| Total PART 2 | 15,000,000 |
| PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH. | |
| Northern Territory | 435,960 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 417,850 |
| Papua | 44,190 |
| New Guinea | 50,000 |
| Norfolk Island | 4,000 |
| Total PART 3 | 952,000 |
| TOTAL | 107,164,000 |

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

26. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1941-42 [No. 2].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1941-42, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £64,226,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Lazzarini do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

27. APPROPRIATION BILL 1941-42.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-two and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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28. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1941-42 [No. 2].—The House according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1941-42, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £3,831,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

29. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1941-42 [No. 2].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1941-42, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £3,831,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Lazzarini do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

30. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1941-42.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-two for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, 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. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

31. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1939-40.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 49.

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 26th November, 1941.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 50.

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 26th November, 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.

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32. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1939-40.—
The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1939-40.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1939-40, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

| | £ |
|---|-----------|
| The Parliament | 5,970 |
| The Prime Minister's Department | 54,275 |
| The Department of External Affairs | 20,150 |
| The Department of the Treasury | 16,400 |
| The Attorney-General's Department | 5,698 |
| The Department of the Interior | 31,541 |
| The Department of Defence and War Services (1939) | 1,714,922 |
| The Department of Supply and Development | 9,463 |
| The Department of Civil Aviation | 56,613 |
| The Department of Trade and Customs | 16,463 |
| The Department of Health | 808 |
| The Department of Commerce | 17,157 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 110,562 |
| War Services (1914-18) | 5,348 |
| Total Part I. | 2,065,370 |

Part II.—Business Undertakings.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Commonwealth Railways | 59,346 |
| Postmaster-General's Department | 61,698 |
| Total Part II. | 121,044 |

Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Northern Territory | 26,696 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 25,919 |
| Total Part III. | 52,615 |
| Total | 2,239,029 |

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1939-40.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1939-40 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £126,145.

Questions—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chifley 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, were adopted by the House.

33. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1939-40.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1939-40.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1939-40, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £2,239,029.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1939-40.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1939-40, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £126,145.

Questions—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Makin do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

34. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1939-40.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, 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. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

35. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1939-40.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, 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. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

36. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 3) 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

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 moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 7th November, 1941.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Lazzarini do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, 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. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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37. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT.—Mr. Conelan, Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which were discharged from the Notice Paper of the House of Representatives, recommend that the following be printed :—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1940–41.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Eighteenth Annual Report, for year 1940–41.

Nauru—Report to Council of League of Nations on Administration of Nauru during 1940.

New Guinea—Report to Council of League of Nations on Administration of Territory of New Guinea for year 1939–40.

Northern Australia Survey Act—Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia—Report of Committee for period ended 31st December, 1940.

Science and Industry Research Act—Fifteenth Annual Report of Council for year 1940–41.

Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1940–41.

W. P. CONELAN,
Chairman.

27th November, 1941.

Mr. Conelan moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

Suspension of Sitting.—At nineteen minutes to three o'clock in the morning, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At twelve noon, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

38. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in which he reviewed recent war developments and Australia's relationship with other countries, stated Australia's desires in regard to the Pacific, and made reference to the exchange of visits and representatives with other Dominions and other countries. Mr. Evatt then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

International Affairs—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Fadden (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.

39. BROADCASTING—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lawson (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That the time for bringing up the Report from the Joint Committee on Wireless Broadcasting be extended for three months from the 3rd January, 1942.

Question—put and passed.

40. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERPHOSPHATE BOUNTY BILL 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

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 a Bounty on Production of Superphosphate, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 17th September, 1941.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce) 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 a Bounty on Production of Superphosphate, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Scully moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

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Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Scully, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Scully and Mr. Drakeford do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Scully 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. Scully moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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. Scully, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

41. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—APPLE AND PEAR (APPROPRIATION) BILL 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the Purpose of repaying to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Advances made for the Purposes of the National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations.

Canberra, 26th November, 1941.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the Purpose of repaying to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Advances made for the Purposes of the National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Scully 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. Scully, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Scully and Mr. Beasley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Scully 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. Scully moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty-one minutes past three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At eight minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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. Scully, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

[*Income Tax Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 87.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

[*Estate Duty Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 88.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Estate Duty Act 1914–1940 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

[*Gift Duty Assessment Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 89.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Duty on Gifts* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

[*Gift Duty Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 90.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose a Duty upon Gifts* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

[*Post and Telegraph Rates Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 91.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902–1940 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

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

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Tamworth, New South Wales.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—

By-laws—Controlled area.

Orders—

Prohibited places (3).

Protected areas (6).

Taking possession of land, &c. (43).

Use of land (8).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 262, 263, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271.

44. PETROLEUM OIL SEARCH BILL 1941.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Development) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Oil Search Act 1936–1940*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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, after debate.

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Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

45. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1941.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 86.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1940 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 4, clause 7, lines 8-11, leave out sub-clause (2.), insert the following new sub-clause :—

" (2.) The amendments effected by the last preceding sub-section shall not apply to any dividends paid, credited or distributed if the dividends—

(a) were declared prior to the thirtieth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one ; or

(b) are paid out of profits arising from the sale or the compulsory resumption for public purposes of assets not acquired for the purpose of resale at a profit and that sale or resumption, as the case may be, took place prior to the thirtieth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one."

No. 2.—Page 5, clause 13, line 23, leave out paragraph (b), insert the following new paragraph :—

" (b) by inserting in paragraph (d) of sub-section (1.), after the word ' Calls ', the words ' not exceeding Fifty pounds, ' ; and "

No. 3.—Page 7, clause 17, line 20, after " interest " insert " which he had power so to acquire, ".

No. 4.—Page 9, clause 24, line 40, after " calls " insert " in excess of Fifty pounds ".

No. 5.—Page 10, clause 24, line 1, leave out " the calls ", insert " that excess ".

No. 6.—Page 11, clause 30, line 19, leave out " sixteen, ".

No. 7.—Page 11, clause 30, after sub-clause (2.) add the following new sub-clause :—

" (3.) The amendment effected by section sixteen of this Act shall apply to all assessments for the financial year beginning on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two."

Amendment No. 1 agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 disagreed to.

Amendment No. 3 agreed to.

Amendment No. 4 disagreed to.

Amendment No. 5 disagreed to.

Amendments Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That Mr. Fadden, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Scullin and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendments Nos. 2, 4 and 5 of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Chifley, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons, which were read, and are as follows :—

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to Amendments Nos. 2, 4 and 5 of the Senate.

1. The proposal of the House contained substantially the tax concession at pre-war rates.
2. Deducting calls on shares in mining companies up to £50, irrespective of the income of the investor, would have the effect in some cases of subsidizing the investment up to £50 by 83 per cent.
3. The increased rate of tax is purely for war purposes and should not be used to give in war time approximately three times the rate of concession that was granted in peace time.
4. With full sense of responsibility of the importance of conducting a successful war, this House cannot accept the amendment which involves a serious loss of revenue.
5. The excessive concession which (having regard to war taxation) the Senate amendment would involve is illustrated by the attached table.

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CALLS.

STATEMENT SHOWING TAX BENEFITS—PERSONAL EXERTION INCOME.

Income shown is after Allowance of all Deductions except those for Calls and Statutory Exemption.

| | | 1937-38. Calls allowed as a deduction. | 1941-42. Calls allowed by way of rebate at $\frac{1}{3}$ own rate. | 1941-42. Calls allowed as a deduction up to maximum of £50—balance allowed as rebate at $\frac{1}{4}$ own rate. |
|--------------------|--------|--|---|--|
| | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Individual— | | | | |
| Income | £ 300 | | | |
| Calls | 50 | 0 16 7 | 1 2 3 | 6 13 4 |
| Income | 500 | | | |
| Calls | 50 | 1 14 6 | 1 7 9 | 7 18 4 |
| Income | 750 | | | |
| Calls | 50 | 2 16 11 | 2 1 8 | 12 1 8 |
| Income | 1,000 | | | |
| Calls | 100 | 4 14 10 | 5 11 1 | 18 17 9 |
| Income | 2,000 | | | |
| Calls | 200 | 17 1 1 | 22 4 5 | 49 3 4 |
| Income | 5,000 | | | |
| Calls | 200 | 40 19 2 | 41 13 4 | 72 17 2 |
| Income | 5,000 | | | |
| Calls | 500 | 99 8 2 | 104 3 4 | 135 8 4 |
| Company— | | | | |
| Income | 40,000 | | | |
| Calls | 1,000 | 50 0 0 | 50 0 0 | 55 0 0 |

STATEMENT SHOWING TAX BENEFITS OF CALLS OF AN AMOUNT OF £50—PERSONAL EXERTION INCOME.

Income shown is Income remaining after allowing all Deductions except those for Statutory Exemption and £50 Calls.

| Income. | 1937-38. Allowed as a deduction. | 1941-42. Allowed by way of rebate at $\frac{1}{3}$ own rate. | 1941-42. Allowed as a deduction. |
|-------------|--|---|--|
| £ | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 300 | 0 16 7 | 1 2 3 | 6 13 4 |
| 500 | 1 14 6 | 1 7 9 | 7 18 4 |
| 750 | 2 16 11 | 2 1 8 | 12 1 8 |
| 1,000 | 2 8 5 | 2 15 7 | 16 5 0 |
| 2,000 | 4 8 3 | 5 11 1 | 32 18 4 |
| 5,000 | 10 7 9 | 10 8 4 | 41 13 4 |

Mr. Chifley moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty-one minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

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

[States Grants Bill 1941]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 92.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

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[*Appropriation Bill 1941-42*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 93.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-two and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

[*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1941-42*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 94.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-two for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1939-40*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 95.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1939-40*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 96.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

[*Loan Bill (No. 3) 1941*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

[*Superphosphate Bounty Bill 1941*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on Production of Superphosphate, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

[*Apple and Pear (Appropriation) Bill 1941*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 99.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the Purpose of repaying to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Advances made for the Purposes of the National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

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[*Petroleum Oil Search Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 100.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Petroleum Oil Search Act 1936-1940'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1941.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill 1941*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 101.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1940'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon its Amendments Nos. 2, 4 and 5, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

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JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

47. GALVANIZED IRON, WIRE AND NAILS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for Munitions), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the rationing of galvanized iron, wire and nails.
48. SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1941-42.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), by leave, made a Supplementary Financial Statement relating to the Budget 1941-42, and informed the House of the effect on the Budget of the amendments made by the Parliament to the taxation proposals.
49. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Report by Auditor-General upon accounts of Trustees of Fund, for year 1940-41.
Commonwealth Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for year 1940-41.
50. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
51. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
52. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Blackburn be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at ten minutes past eight o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Badman, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Sir Charles Marr, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Stacey, Mr. White*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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