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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 74.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY, 1942.

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. OBSERVANCE OF ANZAC DAY AND MAY DAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the observance in certain States of Anzac Day and May Day, and informed the House of the terms of the request made by the Commonwealth Government to the State Governments with reference to street marches and large assemblies of people.
3. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That Mr. Beck be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on War Expenditure.
 - (2) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.
 Question—put and passed.
4. IMMOBILIZATION OF SMALL CRAFT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement advising the House of the appointment of a committee to inquire into matters concerning the immobilization of small craft.
5. NATIONAL SECURITY (CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS) REGULATIONS—DISALLOWANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Acting Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the position consequent upon the disallowance by the Senate of certain of the National Security (Conscientious Objectors) Regulations, contained in Statutory Rules 1942, No. 80.
6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Beef from Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Farm, Werribee, Victoria—Correspondence between Commonwealth and Victorian Governments on removal, by the Commonwealth, of ban on sale of beef from Farm, imposed by the Victorian Government.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1942—
 - No. 16—Amalgamated Engineering Union.
 - No. 17—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
 - No. 18—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—For Defence purposes—Wynyard, Tasmania.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (Building Control) Regulations—Order—Exemption.
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 - Basis of compensation.
 - Boats (Information) (2).
 - Control of hydrographical publications.
 - Darwin evacuation.
 - Defence impressment.
 - Defence quartering.
 - Defence quartering (Allied forces).
 - Immobilization of vessels (2).
 - Prohibited places (2).
 - Protection of exposed personnel (Merchant ships).
 - Removal of direction signs.
 - Requisitioning of property other than land (3).
 - Taking possession of land, &c. (129).
 - Use of land (10).
 - National Security (Medical Co-ordination and Equipment) Regulations—Order—Control of Medical Equipment.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 202, 203, 204, 205.
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulation—1942—No. 5 (Cemeteries Ordinance).

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7. JUDICIARY (DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION) BILL 1942.—Mr. Beasley (Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 1st instant, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to enable a Justice of the High Court to accept and hold a certain Office* ”, 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.

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.

8. GIFT DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1942.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 30th April, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Gift Duty Assessment Act 1941 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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 the next sitting.

9. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1942.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 30th April, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914–1940 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Holt moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 4, General Business.

11. REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That the National Security (Values for Land Tax) Regulations under the National Security Act, made by Statutory Rules 1942, No. 128, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

12. REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE.—Mr. Spooner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Amendments of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations made by Statutory Rules 1942, No. 111, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

13. LAPSE OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 3, General Business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under Standing Order No. 102, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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

* On leave.

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