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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 77.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
GOWRIE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 58.*
A Proposed Law intituled "*Judiciary (Diplomatic Representation) Act 1942*" 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 Law.
Government House,
Canberra, 8th May, 1942.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING BILL 1942.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 108.*
The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Broadcasting*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
The Senate,
Canberra, 6th May, 1942. JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.
- Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Development) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.
4. COAL-MINING INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the position relating to stoppages of work in the coal-mining industry, their effect on output, and the action taken by the Government to achieve continuous production.
Mr. James asked leave to make a Statement in connexion with the matter.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
5. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE—FOURTH PROGRESS REPORT.—Mr. Johnson, Deputy Chairman, brought up the Fourth Progress Report from the Joint Committee on War Expenditure.
6. DEPARTMENT OF AIR—OVERTIME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to payments for overtime to certain officers in the Air Force Finance Office, Melbourne.
7. PRISONERS OF WAR IN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the employment of prisoners of war in Australia.
8. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) 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 protect the interests of the public and of the trading community by prematurely disclosing Government policy concerning the rationing of clothing and the adverse effect such disclosure has had upon war-time finance".
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. Fadden moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Dedman (Minister for War Organization of Industry) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257b.
9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 7th May, 1942) prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Frit, enamel; Grease, wool; Seed, rape.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 211.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—For Defence purposes—Albury, New South Wales.

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National Security Act—

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—Control of—
Building materials.
Knitted goods.

National Security (Timber Control) Regulations—Order—Control of timber.

National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—Order—Public authority.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 206, 207, 208, 213, 215, 217.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1942—

No. 9—Wills (War Service).

No. 10—Rationing Control.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
11. 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.
12. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL 1942.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 12 further debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 44.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beck	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Breen	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Collins	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Scully
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Conelan
Mr. James	Mr. Corser

Mr. Abbott
Mr. Anthony
Mr. Badman
Mr. Cameron
Mr. Duncan-Hughes
Mr. Price

Tellers:

Mr. Marwick
Mr. Stacey

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 18, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL 1942.—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. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

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

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14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL 1942.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 59.*

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 amend the *Maternity Allowance Act 1912-1937*.

Canberra, 13th May, 1942.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Maternity Allowance Act 1912-1937*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Holloway, by leave, was adopted by the House.

15. MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL 1942.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 2 to 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1942.—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. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

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

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1942.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 60.*

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 amend the *Child Endowment Act 1941*.

Canberra, 30th April, 1942.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Endowment Act 1941*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Holloway, by leave, was adopted by the House.

18. CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1942.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2 agreed to.

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Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, lines 11–14, omit paragraph (b), insert the following paragraph :—

“(b) by omitting the definition of ‘institution’ and inserting in its stead the following definition :—

“ ‘institution’ means a charitable institution or organization (including a charitable institution or organization maintained by the Commonwealth or a State) approved by the Minister, but does not include a hospital for the insane maintained by the Commonwealth or a State or mainly dependent upon financial assistance from the Commonwealth or a State ; ’ ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the ten motions moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 30th April (see pages 315–317).

Motions agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, 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.

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

20. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

21. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1942.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up the following Bills :—

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1941 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930–1941 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930–1941 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930–1941 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930–1941 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1941 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930–1941 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930–1941 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930–1941 ” ;

and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Chifley moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

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

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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 Sir George Bell, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Martens, Mr. McCall, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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