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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

No. 95.

THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1942.

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. ALLIED WORKS COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the procedure followed in selecting and calling up men for service with the Civil Constructional Corps under the Allied Works Council.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Menzies 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 action taken by the Government towards the introduction of compulsory trade unionism in Australia".
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. Menzies moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the debate being continued until 6 o'clock p.m.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Badman	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Beck	Mr. Paterson
Sir George Bell	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Price
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Collins	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender
Mr. Holt	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Jolly	Sir Frederick Stewart
Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. Marwick	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McCall	Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy

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Mr. Baker	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Breen	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Coles	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Conelan
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Martens

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

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

[Entertainments Tax Assessment Bill 1942]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 142.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Payments for Admission to Entertainments", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th September, 1942.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President

17th September, 1942.

[States Grants (*Entertainments Tax Reimbursement*) Bill 1942]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 143.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to make provision for the Grant of Financial assistance to States, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th September, 1942.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

[*Entertainments Tax Bill* 1942]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 144.

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

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th September, 1942.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
American troops in Australia—Informatory Pamphlets, one issued by the Australian-American Co-operation Movement and one by the Department of Information.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Beenleigh, Queensland.
6. WAYS AND MEANS [“ GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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

Salaries and allowances	£8,660
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be agreed to.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain*, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Makin, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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