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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 97.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 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. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, the following Order of the Day, General Business, was discharged :—
Apple and Pear Marketing Board—Proposed Joint Committee—Resumption of debate upon the motion.
3. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Lazzarini, by leave, withdrew Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, standing in his name.
4. 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. 87.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1942* "" *Entertainments Tax Act 1942* "" *States Grants (Entertainments Tax Reimbursement) 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 Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 21st September, 1942.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Sugar—International Agreement—Operative clauses of Protocol signed in London, 22nd July, 1942.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 383.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1942—No. 33—
Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 388.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—

For Defence purposes—Mangalore, Victoria.

For Postal purposes—Alexandria, New South Wales.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Control of—

Clothing (Footwear), (Male outerwear), and (Woven underwear).

Cocoa beans and products.

Manufacture of fur garments.

Prohibited places (2).

Prohibiting work on land (7).

Taking possession of land, &c. (234).

Use of land (11).

National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3-17.

National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 1-12.

National Security (War-time Banking Control) Regulations—Order—Publication of
balance-sheets and profit and loss accounts.Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 377,
378, 379, 380, 381, 384, 385, 386, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394.

6. 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.

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Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.
 Ordered—That Mr. Morgan be granted an extension of time.
 Ordered—That Mr. Cameron be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
 Ordered—That Mr. Rosevear be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
 Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.
 Ordered—That Mr. Riordan be granted extensions of time (2).
 Ordered—That Mr. Rankin be granted extensions of time (2).
 Debate continued.
 Ordered—That Mr. James be granted extensions of time (2).
 Debate continued.
Point of Order.—Sir Earle Page raised a Point of Order that the further speech just made by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) did not necessarily exclude other honorable Members from addressing the Committee.
Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled that in accordance with the practice of the Committee such a speech would close the general debate, but that, in the circumstances, the honorable Member for Corangamite (Mr. McDonald) would be permitted to address the Committee.
 General debate continued.
Member named.—The Chairman named the honorable Member for Hunter (Mr. James) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
 Mr. James having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.
 General debate continued.
Point of Order.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) raised a further Point of Order that the Treasurer, in his speech, was speaking in reply, and that in accordance with the practice of the Committee such a reply closed the general debate.
 Debate ensued.
Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman said that the Treasurer and the honorable Member for Corangamite rose simultaneously and that the call from the Chair had been given to the Minister. Had the Chair been aware that the Treasurer intended closing the debate, the call would have been given to the honorable Member for Corangamite. In the circumstances, Mr. McDonald was permitted to address the Committee after the Treasurer had spoken. The Treasurer having spoken in reply, in accordance with the practice of the Committee, the general debate was now closed.
 First Item agreed to.
 Progress 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.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty-two minutes past nine o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At half-past two o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1942-43.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £164,000"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £838,500"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £161,400"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £1,616,000"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £295,800"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Department of the Interior, £542,600"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Defence and War (1939-42) Services, £123,749,000"—debated.
 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. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Langtry, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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