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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 105.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 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. 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. 91.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ States Grants Act 1942 ”
- “ Loan Act (No. 3) 1942 ”
- “ Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1942 ”
- “ Black Marketing Act 1942 ”
- “ Income Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1942 ”
- “ Income Tax Act (No. 2) 1942 ”
- “ War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1942 ”
- “ Superannuation Act 1942 ”
- “ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1942 ”
- “ Women's Employment 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, 6th October, 1942.

3. SECRET MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That a Joint Meeting of Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives be convened for eight o'clock p.m. this day for the purpose of discussing in secret the present war and hearing confidential reports in relation thereto.  
Question—put and passed.
4. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the sittings of the House and the proposed reference of the Constitution Alteration (War Aims and Reconstruction) Bill to a special committee.
5. SOCIAL SECURITY—JOINT COMMITTEE—FIFTH INTERIM REPORT.—Mr. Barnard, Chairman, brought up the Fifth Interim Report from the Joint Committee on Social Security, and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Lend-Lease and Reciprocal Lend-Lease Arrangements between the Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia and the United States of America.  
Sugar Agreement—Eleventh Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee for year ended 31st August, 1942.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
National Security Act—  
National Security (Army Inventions) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (2).  
National Security (General) Regulations—  
By-laws and orders—Controlled and protected areas (2).  
Orders—  
Post and telegraph censorship.  
Taking possession of land, &c. (21).  
Use of land.  
Science and Industry Research Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of Council for year 1941-42.
7. SUPPLY [“ 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 Supply—  
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.
8. WAR SERVICE ESTATES BILL 1942.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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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. Evatt, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8, Government Business.
10. **ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF WAR ORGANIZATION OF INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1942—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for War Organization of Industry), That the Paper [*presented on the 30th September*], viz. :—  
Activities of Department of War Organization of Industry—Ministerial Statement, 30th September, 1942—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Ordered—That Mr. Spooner be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Morgan 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.
11. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DAIRYING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1942.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 92.*

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 granting of Assistance to the Dairying Industry with the object of aiding the Prosecution of the War, and for other purposes.

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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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the granting of Assistance to the Dairying Industry with the object of aiding the Prosecution of the War, and for other purposes.

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. Scully 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.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ryan 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.

12. **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past nine o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Marwick, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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