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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 106.

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past nine o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Australian Wool Board—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1941-42.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Superphosphate Bounty Act—Return for year 1941-42.
3. DAIRYING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE 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.  
Mr. Hutchinson moved, as an amendment, That all words after " Bill " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" be withdrawn and redrafted so as to provide a more equitable scheme, and, in particular, one which will reasonably relate the price received by the primary producer and his costs of production ".  
Debate continued.  
Amendment negatived.  
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 442) the Bill was read a third time.

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

[*Statute of Westminster Adoption Bill 1942*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 157.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Commonwealth Legislation, to obviate Delays occurring in its Passage, and to effect certain related purposes, by adopting certain Sections of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, as from the Commencement of the War between His Majesty the King and Germany*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 9th October, 1942.

[*War Service Estates Bill 1942*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 158.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Estates of Deceased Members of the Naval, Military and Air Forces of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

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5. ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF WAR ORGANIZATION OF INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1942—PRINTING OF 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. Dedman be granted an extension of time.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Beer Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 415.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—Geelong, Victoria.  
National Security Act—  
National Security (General) Regulations—  
Orders—  
Control of office machines.  
Taking possession of land, &c. (31).  
Use of land.  
Orders by State Premiers—New South Wales, Queensland.  
National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders by State Premier—Queensland (2).  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Regulations—1942—No. 10 (Building and Services' Ordinance).
7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.  
Question—put and passed.
8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.  
Question—put and passed.
9. ALLEGED WASTE OF FOODSTUFFS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Development), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to allegations that waste had occurred in the re-canning of fruit in Victoria and in the handling of potatoes in Tasmania.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At a quarter past four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DAIRYING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1942.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:

MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 159.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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JAS. CUNNINGHAM,

President.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Calwell, Mr. Collins, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Jolly, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Marwick, Mr. McCall, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Spender, Mr. Stacey, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.