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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 108.

FRIDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE—FIFTH AND SIXTH PROGRESS REPORTS.—Mr. Jolly brought up the Fifth and Sixth Progress Reports from the Joint Committee on War Expenditure.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 93.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Statute of Westminster Adoption 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, 9th October, 1942.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 94.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*War Service Estates Act 1942*"

"*Dairying Industry Assistance 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, 13th October, 1942.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank, Commonwealth Savings Bank and Note Issue Department, as at 30th June, 1942; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declaration No. 108.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 416, 440, 441, 476.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1942—
No. 34—Australian Postal Electricians' Union and others; Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia; Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association; and Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
No. 35—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.
No. 36—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
No. 37—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
No. 38—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
No. 39—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 40—Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.
No. 41—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
No. 42—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
No. 43—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

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- Australian Broadcasting Act—Tenth Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, for year 1941–42.
- Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Report by Auditor-General upon accounts of Trustees of Fund, for year 1941–42.
- Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 462.
Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1941–42.
- Canned Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 433.
- Citrus Fruits Bounty Act—Return for year 1941–42.
- Commonwealth Public Service Act—
Appointments of M. E. Flower, J. I. Price, L. W. Southwell, N. G. Turner, Department of Defence.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 465, 466.
- Commonwealth Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Balance-sheets and Liquidation Accounts, together with Auditor-General's reports thereon, for years ended 28th February, 1941, and 28th February, 1942.
- Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
Beer (dated 2nd December, 1942).
Bentonite ; Drugs and chemicals (dated 29th October, 1942).
Cane and rattan ; Dextrine ; Waxes (dated 9th October, 1942).
Grass tree gum (dated 13th November, 1942).
Yarns of silk or synthetic fibre ; Piece goods wholly or partly of silk or synthetic fibre ; Wearing apparel including footwear and headwear ; Handkerchiefs ; Articles of household drapery of cotton, silk or synthetic fibre ; Waterproof sheeting ; Oil baize and oil cloth other than linoleum ; Window blinds, and awnings (dated 14th October, 1942).
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 417, 477, 506, 507, 508, 521, 522.
- Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 421.
- Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act, Maternity Allowance Act, Child Endowment Act, Widows' Pensions Act—First Report by Director-General of Social Services, for year 1941–42.
- Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 13th October, 1942.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—
For Commonwealth purposes—
Archerfield, Queensland.
Bairnsdale, Victoria.
Berowra, New South Wales.
Broadmeadows, Victoria.
Cowra, New South Wales.
Daylesford, Victoria.
East Maitland, New South Wales.
Essendon, Victoria (2).
Gayndah, Queensland.
Greta, New South Wales (2).
Helidon, Queensland.
Laverton, Victoria.
Leongatha, Victoria.
Lidcombe, New South Wales.
Lindenow, Victoria.
Lorn, New South Wales.
Merredin, Western Australia.
Midland Junction, Western Australia.
Mile End, South Australia.
Mitcham, Victoria.
Newport, Victoria.
Northfield, South Australia.
Nowra, New South Wales.
Parkes, New South Wales.
Preston Point, Fremantle, Western Australia.
South Fremantle, Western Australia.
St. Mary's, New South Wales.
West Maitland, New South Wales.
Windsor, New South Wales.
Wollongong, New South Wales.
Wolseley, South Australia.
- For Defence purposes—
Fairfield, Victoria.
Rhodes, New South Wales.
- National Security Act—
National Security (Army Inventions) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (3).
National Security (Cash Order and Hire Purchase Agreements) Regulations—Order—Maximum hiring period.
National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—Share prices.
National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Orders—Military powers during emergency (3).
National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—Queensland (4), Victoria.

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- National Security (General) Regulations—
 Orders—
 Bread control (South Australia).
 Control of—
 Canned pineapples and pineapple juice.
 Clothing (Feminine outerwear), (Knitted outerwear) (2), (Knitted underwear),
 (Male outerwear), (Shirts, collars and pyjamas), and (Women's, maids' and
 children's hosiery).
 Highways.
 Liquid paraffin.
 Pineapples.
 Production and distribution of footwear.
 Second-hand jute goods.
 Tinsplate.
 Wholesale cream distribution (Victoria).
 Ice industry (New South Wales).
 Machine tools requisitioning.
 Navigation (Aquatic racing on Sydney Harbour), (Brisbane River and Moreton
 Bay—Small craft), and (Small craft).
 Prohibited places (5).
 Prohibiting work on land (12).
 Prohibition of non-essential production.
 Restriction of cherry packing.
 Restriction of employment in retail shops (Adelaide).
 Taking possession of land, &c. (1,005).
 Use of land (45).
 Orders by State Premiers—Queensland (8), South Australia, Tasmania (6),
 Victoria (2), Western Australia (2).
 National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—Order—Internment camp.
 National Security (Landlord and Tenant) Regulations—Rules—Australian Capital
 Territory.
 National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Orders—
 Nos. 7–10.
 South Australia (Nos. 5–9), Western Australia (No. 4).
 National Security (Liquid Fuel) Regulations—Order—Liquid fuel (Alternative fuels).
 National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (171).
 National Security (Munitions) Regulations—Order—Railway locomotives, rolling-stock,
 plant and equipment.
 National Security (Potatoes) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 8, 9.
 National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders Nos. 769, 791–869, 871–875.
 National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—Orders—
 Prisoners of war camp (2).
 Prisoners of war correspondence.
 Prisoners of war (Pay arrangements).
 National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—
 Orders—
 Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank.
 Provision of first aid facilities.
 Orders by State Premiers—Queensland (2), South Australia, Tasmania (2), Western
 Australia.
 National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—Order—Public authority.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 413, 418, 419, 420, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427,
 428, 429, 430, 431, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450,
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 Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 414, 509.
 Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 511.
 Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 483.
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 439, 504.
 Rabbit Skins Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 432.
 River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1941–42.
 Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1–9)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 478.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1942—
 No. 18—Cemeteries.
 No. 19—Liquor.
 Regulations—1942—
 No. 11 (Building and Services Ordinance).
 No. 12 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the
 Australian Capital Territory for year 1941–42.
 War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 463.
 War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 460, 461.

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5. REVIEW OF WAR SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 10th December*], viz. :—

Review of War Situation—Ministerial Statement, 10th December, 1942—

be printed :—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Blackburn, viz. :—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“this House, reaffirming the policy upon which the majority of its Members were elected, opposes the imposition of any form of compulsory service outside Australia and the Territories of the Commonwealth”*—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. James be granted extensions of time (2).

Ordered—That Mr. Ward (Minister for Labour and National Service) 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.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Marwick
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Badman	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Breen	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Beck	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Morgan	Sir George Bell	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Blackburn	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Coles	Mr. Price
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Collins	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward	Mr. Francis	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Forde	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Frost		Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Jolly	Mr. Corser
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Martens	Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Guy

The numbers for the “Ayes” and the “Noes” being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the “Noes”.

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Question—That the Paper be printed—proposed.

Mr. Cameron addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Rosevear moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Breen	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Beck	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Morgan	Sir George Bell	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Price
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Collins	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Coles	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Francis	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Forde		Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Conelan	Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Corser
Mr. James	Mr. Martens	Mr. Marwick	Mr. Guy
Mr. Langtry			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Paper be printed—was put accordingly, and passed.

6. 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, such date and hour to be not later than Wednesday, the 27th January next, at three o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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7. 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Rankin be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to 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, such date and hour to be not later than Wednesday, the 27th January next, at three o'clock p.m., 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. Johnson, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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