THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 110.

THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1943.

- 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. CENSORSHIP OF HANSARD-SPEAKER'S RULING.-Several Points of Order having been raised with respect to the censorship of the official reports of speeches of honorable Members-Speaker's Ruling.-Mr. Speaker ruled that the Chair was exercising proper authority in causing to be deleted from the Hansard report of Members' speeches such remarks as, in the interests of national security, should not appear. The Chair accepted no outside instructions or directions in the matter, but considered advice received from Ministers and the Chief Censor, and, in all cases, consulted the honorable Member concerned. It was not the custom to insert marks in the report to show that certain passages had been omitted.
- 3. CENSORSHIP OF REPORT OF SPEECH-STATEMENT BY MEMBER.-Mr. Blackburn, by leave, made a Statement with reference to deletions made with his approval and for security reasons from the official report of a speech recently made by him in this House.
- 4. CUSTOMS DUTIES ON MOTION PICTURE PROJECTORS IMPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND-MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.-Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the provision made to relieve the Australian Comforts Fund of customs duties payable on certain motion picture projectors imported for the entertainment of members of the Forces.
- 5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.-Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Right Honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Scullin), on the ground of ill-health.

Question-put and passed.

- 6. PAPERS.-The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General-
 - Dairying Industry-Report by the Tariff Board on allocation of assistance under the Dairying Industry Assistance Act 1942. National Security Act-National Security (Land Transport) Regulations-Direction by Land
 - Transport Board—Directorate of Emergency Road Transport for State of Victoria. Repatriation—Reports (2) of Committee of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives appointed to inquire into and report on the Australian Soldiers⁷
 - Repatriation Act and any amendments considered necessary.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-
 - Air Force Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, No. 543.
 - Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 190.
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1943— No. 1—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

 - No. 2—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.
 No. 3—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association and Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
 - No. 4-Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association.

Audit Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 523, 542.

Cable and Wire Bounty Act-Return for year 1941-42 (Substitute copy).

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Canned Fruits Export Control Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, No. 194. Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, No. 528. Commonwealth Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 552. Customs Act-Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of-Kyanite; Sillimanite (dated 22nd December, 1942). Sewing and embroidery threads of silk or synthetic fibre (dated 13th January, 1943). Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 192.

Defence Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules-

1942, Nos. 555, 556.

1943, No. 17.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, No. 544. Income Tax Assessment Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, No. 553.

Lands Acquisition Act-Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes-

Archerfield, Queensland.

Ballarat, Victoria. Bathurst, New South Wales.

Beverley, South Australia. Dysart, Victoria. Fitzroy, Victoria.

Mile End, South Australia.

Moorooka, Queensland.

Mount Martha, Victoria. Narrogin, Western Australia.

New Farm, Queensland.

Normanton, Queensland.

Oodnadatta, South Australia.

Perth, Western Australia.

Rhodes, New South Wales. Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.

Wolseley, South Australia.

Moat Export Control Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, No. 193.

National Security Act-

Australian Barley Board Regulations-Order-Barley acquisition.

National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations-Order-Apple and Pear Acquisition 1942-1943.

National Security (Camouflage) Regulations-Order-Camouflage of vehicles.

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations-Order-Exemption.

National Security (Émergency Control) Regulations-Order-Military powers during emergency.

National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations-Order-Sterling area.

National Security (Field Peas Acquisition) Regulations-Order-Field peas acquisition.

National Security (General) Regulations-

Orders

Basis of compensation (2).

Bread control (South Australia).

Bread industry (Australian Capital Territory), (New South Wales), (Queensland), (Tasmania), (Victoria) and (Western Australia).

Control of-

Clothing (Feminine outerwear), (Knitted outerwear), (Knitted underwear), (Male outerwear), (Men's half hose) and (Shirts, collars and pyjamas).

Electric dry battery manufacture. Electric torch case manufacture.

Essential materials.

Hand and garden tools.

Horseshoe manufacture.

Liquor (Interstate supplies of beer). Manufacture of shovels.

Rubber

Second-hand jute. Tyres.

Ice industry (Victoria).

Inventions and designs (349).

Milk industry (New South Wales).

Navigation (Port Stephens-Private craft).

Prohibited place.

Prohibiting work on land (7).

Prohibition of non-essential production.

Regulation of transport.

Requisitioning of agricultural implements and machinery.

Restriction of pastrycooks' goods (New South Wales). Restrictions on new manufactures—Exemptions (2).

Taking possession of land, &c. (414). Use of land (19).

Orders by State Premiers-New South Wales (3), Queensland (3), Tasmania (6), Victoria (3), Western Australia.

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National Security (General) Regulations and National Security (Supplementary) Regulations -Orders by State Premier-New South Wales (3).

National Security (Industrial Lighting) Regulations-Order-Interior artificial lighting. National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations-Orders-Inventions and designs (54).

National Security (Land Transport) Regulations-Orders-No. 11.

New South Wales (No. 4), South Australia (No. 10), Victoria (No. 8).

National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders-Man Power (Certificates of exemption).

Man Power (Exemption from service).

Protected undertakings (119).

Regulation of engagement of employees-Exemption.

National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations-Orders-Nos. 34, 35.

National Security (Potatoes) Regulations-Order-No. 10.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 876-896. National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 13-20.

National Security (Supplementary) Regulations-

Order—Provision of first-aid facilities. Orders by State Premiers—New South Wales, South Australia (2), Tasmania (4), Victoria, Western Australia (3).

National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations-Order-Declaration of prescribed vegetable.

Regulations-Statutory Rules-

1942, Nos. 524, 525, 526, 527, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 545, 546, 547, 551, 557. 1943, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19.

Navigation Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, No. 520.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act-Regulations-1942-

No. 2 (Slaughtering Ordinance).

No. 3 (Rules under Local Courts Ordinance).

No. 4 (Health Ordinance).

Post and Telegraph Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 550, 554.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act-Ordinances-

1942-No. 20-Trespass on Commonwealth Lands.

1943 -

No. 1—Careless Use of Fire. No. 2—Motor Traffic. No. 3—Liquor.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, No. 191.

Women's Employment Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1942, No. 548.

- 7. THE WAR-DECLARATION OF POLICY.-The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), That this House, at its first meeting in the year 1943, in the fourth year of war with Germany and Italy, and in the second year of war with Japan, declares-
 - (1) Australia's indissoluble unity with the British Commonwealth of Nations, and its unswerving loyalty to the cause of the United Nations and its admiration for the heroic efforts of the Allied forces;
 - (2) Its pride in the bravery and achievements of the Australian forces, in all theatres, and its intention to make provision for their re-instatement and advancement and for the dependants of those who have died or been disabled as a consequence of the war; and
 - (3) Its determination to use the whole of the man-power and material resources of the nation in order to ensure the maximum war effort necessary to bring about victory, and arising therefrom to provide the requisite measures to promote the national welfare of the whole of the Australian people-

Debate resumed.

Ordered-That Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Ordered-That Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Barnard 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 a later hour this day.

- 8. POSTFONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY .- Ordered-That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
- 9. WAYS AND MEANS-EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8) .- The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8).

That the Schedule to the Excise Tariff 1921-1939, as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the twenty-ninth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to summer time in the Australian Capital Territory, duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1939 as so amended. (2) That in this Resolution "Excise Tariff Proposals" mean the Excise Tariff

Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :-5th March, 1942;

25th March, 1942; and 2nd September, 1942.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
 11. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) (three times occurring) of sub-item (A) (third time occurring) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :	4d.
(3) Produced by National Oil Proprietary Limited from shale mined on the land described in the First Part of the Fourth Schedule to the Agreement (a copy of which is set forth in the Schedule to the National Oil Proprietary Limited Agreement Act 1937) as read and construed in the manner provided by the Agreement made on the 25th October, 1939, between the parties	
to the first-mentioned Agreement— (a) For each gallon not exceeding 10,000,000 gallons in each year commencing on the first day of January (b) For each gallon exceeding 10,000,000 gallons in each year com- mencing on the first day of January	4d.
By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) (three times occurring) of sub-item (c) (third time occurring) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :	9 <u>‡</u> d."
per gallon And on and after 21st August, 1955 (2) Produced directly or indirectly from coal mined in Australia per gallon	4d. 5 <u>‡</u> d."

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Badman reported accordingly. Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Debate resumed.

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

Debate continued.

Ordered-That Mr. Morgan be granted an extension of time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- And then the House, at ten 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. Breen, Mr. Falstein, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin*, and Mr. White*.

• On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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