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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 121.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

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. DEATH OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SON.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from His Excellency the Governor-General thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE (CITIZEN MILITARY FORCES) BILL 1943.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 160.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to authorize the Service of Members of the Citizen Military Forces in the South-Western Pacific Zone for the duration of the present war", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th February, 1943.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 98.

A Proposed Law intituled "Defence (Citizen Military Forces) Act 1943" 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, 19th February, 1943.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONAL SECURITY BILL 1943.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 161.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'National Security Act 1939-1940'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th February, 1943.

Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Badman	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Beck	Mr. Price
Sir George Bell	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Coles	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Francis	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Marwick	Mr. Collins
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy
Mr. McEwen	

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Breen	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Conelan
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Lawson	

And so it was negatived.

24th February, 1943.

6. VISIT OVERSEAS OF MR. EVATT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that, at the request of the Government, the Minister for External Affairs and Attorney-General (Mr. Evatt) would shortly visit the United States of America, the United Kingdom, and, if necessary, other countries.
7. ORDER UNDER NATIONAL SECURITY ACT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for Munitions), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the application of the Electricity Generator and Engine Investigation Order issued under the National Security Act.
8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Mulcahy be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in the place of Mr. Stacey, resigned.  
Question—put and passed.
9. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Norfolk Island—Report for 1941-42.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—  
Albany, Western Australia.  
Alexandria, New South Wales.  
Batlow, New South Wales.  
Cowra, New South Wales.  
Deniliquin, New South Wales.  
Harristown, Queensland.  
Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.  
Northam, Western Australia.  
Pontville, Tasmania.  
Port Adelaide, South Australia.  
Rathmines, New South Wales.  
National Security Act—  
National Security (Civil Defence Workers' Compensation) Regulations—Order by State Premier—Victoria.  
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—  
Bacon and smallgoods (South Australia).  
Control of—  
Essential materials.  
Pineapples.  
Soldier.  
Restrictions on new manufactures—Exemption.  
Taking possession of land, &c. (223).  
Use of land (4).  
National Security (Universities Commission) Regulations—Order—Classes of students to be assisted.
10. LOAN BILL 1943.—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.  
Question—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 481), the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Beasley, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Jolly, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McCall, Mr. Scullin\*, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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