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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 141.

TUESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1943.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RESIGNATION OF SPEAKER.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read at the Table by the Clerk :—

*Message No. 108.*

I desire to acquaint the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth that I have received a letter dated 21st June, 1943, from the Honorable Walter Maxwell Nairn, M.P., tendering his resignation as Speaker of the House of Representatives, which resignation I have accepted.

Accordingly, I invite the House, at its next Sitting, to proceed to elect a new Speaker.

GOWRIE,  
*Governor-General.*

Government House,  
Canberra, 21st June, 1943.

3. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Conclan, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr. John Solomon Rosevear, and moved, That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Mulcahy.  
Mr. Rosevear informed the House that he accepted nomination.  
Sir Charles Marr, addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr. Rowland James, and moved, That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.  
Mr. James declined nomination.  
There being no further proposal, Mr. Rosevear was declared elected as Speaker, and Mr. Conclan and Mr. Mulcahy conducted him to the Chair.  
Mr. Rosevear returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon sat down in the Chair.  
Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.  
Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition), Mr. Brennan, Mr. Nairn and Mr. Cameron congratulated Mr. Speaker, who expressed his thanks.
4. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) stated that he had ascertained that it would be the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Speaker in the Prime Minister's room at Parliament House immediately—  
And the sitting of the House having been suspended—  
Mr. Speaker went with Mr. Conclan and Mr. Mulcahy and other honorable Members to attend His Excellency.  
Upon resuming the Chair, Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.
5. RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following letter from the Chairman of Committees (Mr. Prowse) was read by Mr. Speaker :—

Dear Mr. Speaker,

21st June, 1943.

I hereby tender my resignation from my position as Chairman of Committees of the House of Representatives.

In so doing, I desire to express my appreciation for the help and courtesy extended to me by all honorable Members and Officers of the House.

Yours faithfully,  
JNO. HY. PROWSE.

The Honorable the Speaker of the  
House of Representatives,  
Canberra, A.C.T.

Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the resignation be accepted, and that the House proceed forthwith to appoint a Chairman of Committees.

Question—put and passed.

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6. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Martens moved, That the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Riordan) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. James.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Prowse congratulated Mr. Riordan, who made his acknowledgments to the House.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Notice of Motion No. 1 (Want of Confidence in the Government) taking precedence of all other Business until disposed of.  
Question—put and passed.
8. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice—  
(1) That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House.  
(2) That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General.  
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden be granted extensions of time (2).  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Menzies be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Ward (Minister for Labour and National Service) be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Sir Charles Marr be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1943.

Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Abbott be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Hutchinson be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Barnard be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. James be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Price be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At half-past seven o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.*Resumption of Sitting.*—At ten o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Breen be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Duncan-Hughes be granted extensions of time (2).  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted extensions of time (2).  
Ordered—That Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Shipping) be granted extensions of time (2).  
Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted extensions of time (2).  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Morgan be granted extensions of time (2).  
Ordered—That Mr. Harrison be granted extensions of time (2).  
Ordered—That Mr. Makin (Minister for Munitions) be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air) be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY 24TH JUNE, 1943.

Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Spooner be granted extensions of time (2).  
Ordered—That Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) be granted extensions of time (2).  
Ordered—That Mr. Rankin be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Martens be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 26.			Noes, 27.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies		Mr. Baker	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beck	Mr. Nairn		Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Sir George Bell	Mr. Price		Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Prowse		Mr. Breen	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Collins	Mr. Rankin		Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Ryan		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender		Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spooner		Mr. Coles	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart		Mr. Curtin	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Holt			Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hutchinson			Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Jolly			Mr. Forde	
Mr. McCall	<i>Tellers:</i>		Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Marwick		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Conelan
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Stacey		Mr. James	Mr. Martens

And so it was negatived.

9. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Security Act—National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Statement of Australian Banking Statistics for the five quarters ended 31st March, 1943.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations—Nos. 108, 108A, 109-116.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 93, 119, 121.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1943—

No. 10—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 11—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and others.

No. 12—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association; and Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

No. 13—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.

No. 14—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 15—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 16—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 17—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Apricot and peach kernels and stones (dated 2nd June, 1943).

Hemp, &c. (dated 5th May, 1943).

Laundry blue (dated 5th May, 1943).

Tungsten (dated 31st March, 1943).

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 126, 152, 157.

Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 140.

High Commissioner Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 73.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 80, 127, 151.

Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Dated 9th March, 1943 (Statutory Rules 1943, No. 74).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—

Alexandria, New South Wales.

Alice Springs, Northern Territory.

Archerfield, Queensland.

Bacchus Marsh, Victoria.

Bayswater, Western Australia.

Bombi, New South Wales.

Botany, New South Wales.

Bowden, South Australia.

Ceduna, South Australia.

Cessnock, New South Wales.

Dover, Tasmania.

Drysdale, Victoria.

Dubbo, New South Wales.

Essendon, Victoria.

Evans Head, New South Wales

Finsbury, South Australia.

Foster, Victoria.

Gepps Cross, South Australia.

Holmesglen, Victoria.

Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

Lane Cove, New South Wales.

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Laverton, Victoria.  
 Lowood, Queensland.  
 Mascot, New South Wales.  
 Mortlake, New South Wales.  
 Moruya, New South Wales.  
 Mulwala, New South Wales.  
 Muresk, Western Australia.  
 Narrandera, New South Wales.  
 New Farm, Queensland.  
 Newport, Victoria (2).  
 Oodnadatta, South Australia (2).  
 Parafield, South Australia.  
 Parkes, New South Wales.  
 Perth, Western Australia.  
 Port Pirie, South Australia.  
 Puckapunyal, Victoria.  
 Rockhampton, Queensland.  
 Ross, Tasmania.  
 Seymour, Victoria.  
 South Guildford, Western Australia.  
 St. Marys, New South Wales.  
 Tatura, Victoria.  
 Townsville, Queensland.  
 Uriarra, Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales.  
 Victor Harbour, South Australia.  
 Wangaratta, Victoria.  
 Warracknabeal, Victoria.  
 Werris Creek, New South Wales.  
 Western Junction, Tasmania.  
 West Footscray, Victoria.  
 Williamstown, Victoria.  
 Yarraman, Queensland.  
 Yarrawonga, Victoria.  
 Yass, New South Wales.

## National Security Act—

National Security (Agricultural Aids) Regulations—Order—Feeding meals (Restriction of sales).  
 National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.  
 National Security (Civil Defence Workers' Compensation) Regulations—  
 Order—Eligible persons (Postmaster-General's Department).  
 Order by State Premier—Victoria.  
 National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—Share prices.  
 National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—Queensland.  
 National Security (Fertilizer Control) Regulations—Order—Fertilizer (Restriction of sales).  
 National Security (General) Regulations—

## Orders—

Arrowroot flour.  
 Control of—  
 Automotive spare parts.  
 Canned and dried apples.  
 Citrus fruits 1943.  
 Citrus fruits (Queensland), (Western Australia).  
 Footwear (Styles and quality) (2).  
 Grape fruit.  
 Liquid paraffin.  
 Manufacture of gas producers.  
 Manufacture of glass.  
 Milk.  
 Navy beans and lima beans.  
 Processed milk products (Civilian purposes).  
 Retail delivery of commodities.  
 Silk thread.  
 Spark plugs.  
 Spices.  
 Stock foods and remedies.  
 Tomato products.  
 Trailer manufacture.  
 Typewriters.  
 Heating and cooking appliances (Retail sales).  
 Milk industry (Queensland).  
 Prohibiting work on land (3).

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- Restriction of—  
 Cream.  
 Employment in retail shops (Adelaide).  
 Retail grocery (Queensland).  
 Taking possession of land, &c. (842).  
 Use of land (39).  
 Order by Chief Warden—Victoria.  
 Orders by State Premiers—Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia.  
 National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (343).  
 National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 14, 15.  
 National Security (Liquid Fuel) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 14-16.  
 National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (107).  
 National Security (Marine War Risks Insurance) Regulations—Order—Application of regulations to sodium nitrate.  
 National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 37.  
 National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Order—Acquisition of meat.  
 National Security (Munitions) Regulations—Order—Automotive spare parts.  
 National Security (Potatoes) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 11-14.  
 National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 897-993, 993A, 994-1053.  
 National Security (Rabbit Skins) Regulations—Order—Returns.  
 National Security (Stevedoring Industry) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 13-15.  
 National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders by State Premiers—New South Wales, Victoria.  
 National Security (Timber Control) Regulations—Orders—Control of timber (3).  
 National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—Orders—Public authorities (6).  
 National Security (War-time Banking Control) Regulations—Order—Exemption.  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 76, 77, 78, 79, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 123, 124, 125, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 154, 155, 156, 159.  
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 116, 118.  
 Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 95, 153.  
 Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1943—No. 1 (Crown Lands Ordinance).  
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 94, 122, 141.  
 Rabbit Skins Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 130.  
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1943—  
 No. 6—Trespass on Commonwealth Lands.  
 No. 7—Administration and Probate.  
 No. 8—Rabbit Destruction.  
 No. 9—Gun Licence (Fees Suspension).  
 Regulations—1943—  
 No. 2 (Police Ordinance).  
 No. 3 (Education Ordinance).  
 Superannuation Act—  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 120.  
 Superannuation Board—Twentieth Annual Report, for year 1941-42.  
 Supply and Development Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943—Nos. 81, 117.  
 War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 84.  
 Women's Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 75, 92.

10. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until four o'clock p.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past six o'clock in the morning, adjourned until four o'clock p.m. this day.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Badman, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Corser, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Guy, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White\*, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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