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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1943.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Honorable Sir Frederick Harold Stewart made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. AUSTRALIAN ADVISORY WAR COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Australian Advisory War Council would continue to function with the following membership :—
Representatives of the Government : Mr. Curtin, Mr. Forde, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Beasley and Mr. Makin.
Representatives of the Opposition Parties : Mr. Menzies, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Spender, Mr. Fadden and Mr. McEwen.
4. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, informed the House that the Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce, C.H., M.C., had been re-appointed as High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom for a period of one year from the 7th October. Mr. Curtin announced that Mr. Bruce would continue to act as the Australian Accredited Representative on the Imperial War Cabinet, and as His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for the Commonwealth of Australia in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
5. THE LATE HONORABLE D. J. O'KEEFE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. O'Keefe a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
6. THE LATE MR. J. T. H. WHITSITT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Whitsitt a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 7.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Supply (No. 2) 1943-44* ”“ *War Pensions Appropriation* ”

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, 30th September, 1943.

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

[*Public Works Committee (Joint)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the “ *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936* ”, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz., Senator Aylett, Senator Brand and Senator Lamp.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th September, 1943.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

6th October, 1943.

[Broadcasting Committee (Joint)] —

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the "Australian Broadcasting Act 1942", the following Senators have been appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, viz., Senator Amour, Senator Darcey and Senator Allan MacDonald.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th September, 1943.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Fund Act—Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1942-43 (including the Sir Samuel McCaughey and P. S. Watson Bequests, and the Commonwealth Public Service Patriotic Fund, South Australia).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—

Essendon, Victoria.

Port Pirie, South Australia.

Waterloo, New South Wales.

National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Control of—

Rubber (No. 8).

Rubber (Distribution of motor tyres and motor tubes).

Prohibiting work on land.

Taking possession of land, &c. (173).

Use of land (25).

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 242.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1942-43.

10. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m.; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m.; and on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Question—put and passed.

11. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL (No. 2) 1943.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved the following eleven motions—

(1.) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1942* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, manufactured in Australia by a taxpayer and on or after the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, sold by him or treated by him as stock for sale by retail or applied to his own use, at the rate of—

(a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—7½ per centum;

(b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—25 per centum; and

(c) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule or the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943* and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable—12½ per centum.

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(2.) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1942* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, manufactured in Australia and sold on or after the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, by a taxpayer who purchased them from the manufacturer, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*— $7\frac{1}{2}$ per centum ;
- (b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—25 per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule or the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943* and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable— $12\frac{1}{2}$ per centum.

(3.) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1942* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, manufactured in Australia and sold on or after the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, by a taxpayer not being either the manufacturer of those goods or the purchaser of those goods from the manufacturer, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*— $7\frac{1}{2}$ per centum ;
- (b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—25 per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule or the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943* and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable— $12\frac{1}{2}$ per centum.

(4.) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1942* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, manufactured in Australia and sold to a taxpayer who has, on or after the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, applied those goods to his own use, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*— $7\frac{1}{2}$ per centum ;
- (b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—25 per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule or the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943* and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable— $12\frac{1}{2}$ per centum.

(5.) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1942* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, imported into Australia by a taxpayer on or after the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*— $7\frac{1}{2}$ per centum ;
- (b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—25 per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule or the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943* and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable— $12\frac{1}{2}$ per centum.

(6.) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1942* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, imported into Australia by a taxpayer and, on or after the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, sold by him or applied by him to his own use, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*— $7\frac{1}{2}$ per centum ;
- (b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—25 per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule or the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943* and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable— $12\frac{1}{2}$ per centum.

(7.) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1942* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, imported into Australia and sold on or after the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, by a taxpayer not being the importer of the goods, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*— $7\frac{1}{2}$ per centum ;
- (b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—25 per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule or the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943* and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable— $12\frac{1}{2}$ per centum.

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(8.) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1942* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, imported into Australia and sold to a taxpayer who has, on or after the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, applied those goods to his own use, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—7½ per centum ;
- (b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—25 per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule or the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943* and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable—12½ per centum.

(9.) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1942* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods in Australia, including goods which have gone into use or consumption in Australia, leased by a taxpayer to a lessee on or after the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—7½ per centum ;
- (b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943*—25 per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule or the Third Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943* and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable—12½ per centum.

(10.) That, for the purposes of the foregoing resolutions, “Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act” means the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1942* as proposed to be amended by the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1943*.

(11.) That the Acts to give effect to the foregoing resolutions be expressed to be deemed to have come into operation on the twenty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

Motions agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Lazzarini do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

15. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1943.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up the following Bills :—

- A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1942 ” ;*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1942 ” ;*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1942 ” ;*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1942 ” ;*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1942 ” ;*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1942 ” ;*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1942 ” ;*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1942 ” ;*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1942 ” ;*

and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bills were read a third time.

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16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3.
17. **STATES GRANTS 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. Riordan reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 13), the Bill was read a third time.

18. **LOAN BILL (No. 3) 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. Riordan reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 13), the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past five 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. Anthony, Mr. Breen, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Corsor, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

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