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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1943.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. CLOTHING FACTORIES IN COUNTRY AREAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Shipping), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the establishment, by private enterprise, of clothing factories in country areas.
 3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ERECTION OF ARBITRATION COURT BUILDING, MELBOURNE.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report :—Erection of Arbitration Court Building, Melbourne.
Mr. Lazzarini having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
 4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Anthony rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The inevitable serious decline in the production of vital foodstuffs and other commodities essential to the needs of our military forces, our civilian population, our Allies in this country, and Great Britain, consequent upon the depletion of labour in our rural industries and elsewhere; the failure of the Government to provide farm machinery, engines, milking machines and other labour saving plant and equipment to enable farmers to increase production; and the necessity for urgent action to increase supplies of foodstuffs, particularly meat, butter, fruit and vegetables".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Anthony moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Anthony be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Member named and suspended.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Barker (Mr. Cameron) for reflecting on the Chair.
Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the honorable Member for Barker be suspended from the service of the House.
Question—put and passed.
The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Forde be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Dedman (Minister for War Organization of Industry) be granted an extension of time.
- The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
- Mr. Holt asked leave to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the time for the debate being extended.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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

[*Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill (No. 2) 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1943’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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[*Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives 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 acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
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6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Sugar Agreement—Twelfth Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee
for year ended 31st August, 1943.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Security Act—

National Security (Egg Industry) Regulations—Order—Egg Industry (No. 8).

National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Order—Meat (Return) (No. 7).

7. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—
The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£8,380
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be agreed to.

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

Debate continued.

General debate concluded.

First item agreed to.

Remainder of Vote—“ Parliament, £172,500 ”—agreed to.

Vote—“ Prime Minister’s Department, £970,600 ”—debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—“ Department of External Affairs, £173,200 ”—debated and agreed to.

Vote—“ Department of the Treasury, £1,938,900 ”—debated and agreed to.

Vote—“ Attorney-General’s Department, £311,500 ”—agreed to.

Vote—“ Department of the Interior, £559,100 ”—debated and agreed to.

Vote—“ Defence and War (1939–43) Services, £139,646,000 ”—

Department of Defence—agreed to.

Department of the Navy—agreed to.

Department of the Army—debated and agreed to.

Department of Air—agreed to.

Department of Munitions—debated and agreed to.

Department of Aircraft Production—agreed to.

Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces—debated and agreed to.

Department of Supply and Shipping—debated and agreed to.

Department of Home Security—debated and agreed to.

Other War Services—debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

[*States Grants Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, and to repeal the ‘ Tasmania Grant Act 1943 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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[*Loan Bill (No. 3) 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain*
Mr. Brennan, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McDonald, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins

* On leave.

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