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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1944.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 15th October last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Honorable Frank Brennan made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. DEATH OF SIR GEORGE FAIRBAIRN.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) informed the House of the death on the 23rd October of Sir George Fairbairn, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of Sir George Fairbairn, a former Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Fawkner, and of the Senate, also of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria and Agent-General in London, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
4. DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR RAE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 25th November of Mr. Arthur Rae, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of Mr. Arthur Rae, a former Senator for the State of New South Wales and Member of the Legislative Assembly, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Hughes (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
5. DEATH OF MR. C. W. GRANT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 13th December of Mr. Charles William Grant, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of Mr. Charles William Grant, a former Senator for the State of Tasmania and Member of the House of Assembly, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
6. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE T. C. BRENNAN.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) informed the House of the death on the 3rd January of the Honorable Thomas Cornelius Brennan, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of the Honorable Thomas Cornelius Brennan, LL.D., K.C., a former Senator for the State of Victoria and Honorary Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
7. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE P. J. LYNCH.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 15th January of the Honorable Patrick Joseph Lynch, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of the Honorable Patrick Joseph Lynch, a former Senator for the State of Western Australia, Minister of the Crown and President of the Senate, also a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Hughes (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
8. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
9. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

9th February, 1944.

10. APPOINTMENT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL—  
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) informed the House that a Message had been received that His Majesty The King had been pleased to approve of the appointment of His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Mr. Curtin also informed the House that Lord Gowrie's term as Governor-General had been extended for six months.
11. ABSENCE OF MR. BEASLEY—PERFORMANCE OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) informed the House of the absence, owing to illness, of Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Shipping) and stated that Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General and Minister for External Affairs) would act as Minister for Supply and Shipping and represent the Minister for Trade and Customs in the House of Representatives during Mr. Beasley's absence. Mr. Curtin also informed the House that Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy and Munitions) would assist Mr. Evatt with Mr. Beasley's duties.
12. REVIEW OF THE WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in which he reviewed important favorable developments which have taken place in all theatres of war, and indicated the tasks to be done and the results likely to be achieved during the ensuing year. Mr. Curtin then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Review of the War—Ministerial Statement, 9th February, 1944—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

13. INCOME TAX ON CURRENT INCOME—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—

1. That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the advisability of basing the liability for income tax for each financial year on the income of that year, or of adopting any other method of avoiding the hardship which may arise under the present system of basing the liability for income tax for each financial year on the income of the previous year.

2. That the following Members of the House of Representatives, Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), Mr. Anthony, Mr. Coles, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Spender be appointed to serve on such Committee.

3. That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—

(a) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament; and have leave to report from time to time the evidence taken;

(b) the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, and any member of the Committee may add a protest or dissent to any report; and

(c) three members of the Committee constitute a quorum.

4. That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that two Members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee.

Question—put and passed.

14. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address in Reply at the Opening of the Seventeenth Parliament was duly laid before His Majesty The King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honorable Members His Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message to which Your Address gives expression.

4th December, 1943.

GOWRIE,  
Governor-General.

15. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act (No. 2) 1943 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1943 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1943 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1943 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1943 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1943 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1943 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1943 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1943 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1943 ”

“ States Grants Act 1943 ”

“ Loan Act (No. 3) 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 Laws.

Admiralty House,  
Sydney, 19th October, 1943.

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GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 9.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Appropriation Act 1943-44* ”“ *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1943-44* ”“ *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock 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 Laws.

Admiralty House,

Sydney, 22nd October, 1943.

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

National Security Act—National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Statement of Australian Banking Statistics for the five quarters ended 30th September, 1943.

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

National Security Act --

National Security (Industrial Peace) Regulations—Harvest workers award, 1943.

National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Determination of border station (Warrnambool).

National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Direction regarding Australian Capital Territory.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations—Nos. 126-134.

National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations—Notice—Returns of vegetable seeds.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

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

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No. 29—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association.

No. 30—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.

No. 31—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and others.

No. 32—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 33—Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association of Australasia.

No. 34—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

No. 35—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

No. 36—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union and Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.

No. 37—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 38—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 39—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union; Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia; and Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

No. 40—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and others.

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No. 1—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 2—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Report by Auditor-General upon accounts of Trustees of Fund, for year 1942-43.

Black Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 274.

Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 270.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—

Nineteenth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 31st December, 1943.

Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1943, Nos. 271, 272, 301.

1944, No. 6.

Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 310.

Customs Act --

Proclamations prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of goods—Nos. 589, 590.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 297.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules --

1943, Nos. 258, 287.

1944, Nos. 1, 22, 23.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 10.

High Commissioner Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 300.

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act, Maternity Allowance Act, Child Endowment Act, Widows' Pension Act—Second Report of the Director-General of Social Services, for year 1942-43.

Lands Acquisition Act and National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—

Orders—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes--

Albion, Queensland.

Bathurst, New South Wales.

Birkenhead, South Australia.

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Braybrook, Victoria.  
Brisbane, Queensland.  
Brymaroo, Queensland.  
Canterbury, Victoria.  
Charters Towers, Queensland.  
Clare, South Australia.  
Cloncurry, Queensland.  
Coorparoo, Queensland.  
Cowra, New South Wales.  
Darwin, Northern Territory.  
Deer Park, Victoria.  
Dubbo, New South Wales.  
East Brighton, Victoria.  
East Sale, Victoria.  
Echuca, Victoria (2).  
Eden, New South Wales.  
Essendon, Victoria (3).  
Fortitude Valley, Queensland (2).  
Gawler, South Australia (2).  
Gosford, New South Wales.  
Guyra, New South Wales.  
**Hamilton, Victoria.**  
Highfields, Queensland.  
Homeville (Rutherford), New South Wales.  
Innisfail, Queensland.  
Ipswich, Queensland.  
Kowguran (Miles), Queensland.  
Lake Boga, Victoria.  
Laura, South Australia.  
Lindfield, New South Wales.  
Lismore, Victoria.  
Lithgow, New South Wales.  
Mallala, South Australia.  
Mascot, New South Wales.  
Merredin, Western Australia.  
Mildura, Victoria.  
Mingela, Queensland.  
Miranda, New South Wales.  
Moongobulla, Queensland.  
Mueha, Western Australia.  
Mulwala, New South Wales.  
New Farm, Queensland.  
Newmarket, Queensland.  
Newport, Victoria.  
Nokaning, Western Australia.  
Nowra, New South Wales.  
Nudgee, Queensland.  
Nundah, Queensland.  
Oakey, Queensland.  
Paddington, Queensland.  
Parkes, New South Wales.  
Penrith, New South Wales (2).  
Puckapunyal, Victoria.  
Ramsgate, New South Wales.  
**Rannes, Queensland.**  
Rocklea, Queensland.  
Sale, Victoria (2).  
Salisbury, South Australia.  
Sandgate, Queensland.  
Somerton, Victoria.  
South Yarra, Victoria.  
Stawell, Victoria.  
St. Mary's, New South Wales.  
Swan Hill, Victoria.  
Tally-Ho, Victoria.  
Tocumwal, New South Wales.  
Torbay, Western Australia.  
Townsville, Queensland (2).  
Truganina, Victoria.  
Upper Swan, Western Australia.  
Villawood, New South Wales.  
Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.  
Wallaroo, South Australia.  
Wellington, New South Wales.  
Werrington, New South Wales.

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- Whorouly East, Victoria.  
 Wollongong, New South Wales.  
 Yeronga, Queensland.
- National Security Act—
- National Security (Agricultural Aids) Regulations—Orders—  
 Fertilizers and feeding meals (Restriction of sales).  
 Nicotine sulphate.  
 Nicotine sulphate (No. 2).
- National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations—Orders—  
 Enemy aliens' communications.  
 Exemption of certain Indonesians.
- National Security (Aliens Service) Regulations—Order—Exemption of certain Indonesians.
- National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Apple and pear acquisition 1943–1944.
- National Security (Army Inventions) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (2).
- National Security (Cash Order and Hire Purchase Agreement) Regulations—Order—  
 Maximum hiring period.
- National Security (Chinese Seamen) Regulations—Order—Chinese seamen.
- National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—Economic organization (Interest rates).
- National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Order—Dental treatment for civilians.
- National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations—Orders—Exchange control (Exemptions), (Money Orders), (Return of foreign securities), (Sale of foreign currency), and (Sale of foreign securities).
- National Security (Food Control) Regulations—Orders—  
 Distribution of food (No. 2).  
 Grapes (Restriction of use).  
 Nos. 1–3.
- National Security (General) Regulations—  
 Orders—  
 Canvasware.  
 Control of—  
 Building materials (No. 2).  
 Essential materials.  
 Lights—Revocation.  
 Overseas postal communications.  
 Silk and synthetic fibres.  
 Egg vendors (South Australia).  
 Navigation and anchor lights (No. 2).  
 Navigation (Control of public traffic).  
 Prohibited places (8).  
 Prohibition of non-essential production (No. 14).  
 Protected area.  
 Protected area—Revocation.  
 Protection of shipping (Accommodation for defence personnel).  
 Revocation of certain orders made under regulation 59—dated—  
 5th October, 1943 (2).  
 30th November, 1943.  
 24th January, 1944.
- Steam boilers.  
 Taking possession of land, &c. (787).  
 Use of land (24).  
 Utensils (Miscellaneous).
- Orders by State Premiers—  
 New South Wales (Nos. 40–43).  
 Queensland (dated 1st October, 1943).  
 South Australia (No. 5 of 1943).  
 Tasmania—  
 Direction dated 26th August, 1943.  
 Nos. 27, 28.
- Victoria—  
 Exemption dated 21st December, 1943.  
 Nos. 51–54.
- Western Australia (dated 15th September, 1943).
- National Security (Hirings Administration) Regulations—Order—Application of regulations.
- National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—Order—Internment camp (No. 10).
- National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Orders—  
 No. 16.  
 South Australia (No. 12), Western Australia (No. 6).
- National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—  
 Employment in rural industries.  
 Ex dairy farmers and farm workers.  
 Ex-railway employees.  
 Ex-timber workers.  
 Protected undertakings (260).

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- National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 42-44.  
 National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Orders—  
   Acquisition of meat.  
   Meat (No. 29).  
   Stock returns (County of Cumberland) (No. 1).  
 National Security (Medical Co-ordination and Equipment) Regulations—Order—Emergency  
   medical service.  
 National Security (Mobilization of Electricity Supply) Regulations—Order—Electricity.  
 National Security (Potatoes) Regulations—Order—No. 15.  
 National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 1210-1413.  
 National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 32-37.  
 National Security (Stevedoring Industry) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 26-36.  
 National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—  
   Order by Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners, Victoria (dated 18th November, 1943).  
   Orders by State Premiers—  
     Queensland (2—dated 4th November, 1943, and 18th January, 1944).  
     Western Australia (dated 24th September, 1943).  
 National Security (Timber Control) Regulations—Order—Control of timber (No. 12).  
 National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—Orders—Public authorities (4).  
 National Security (Wheat Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Australian Wheat Board  
   (Selection of wheat growers' nominees).  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules—  
   1943, Nos. 257, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 273, 275, 276, 277, 278,  
     279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 288, 289, 290, 293, 294, 295, 296, 298, 299, 302,  
     303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317.  
   1944, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24.  
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 291, 311.  
 Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
   Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of reservation of certain lands near  
   Alice Springs.  
 Ordinances—1943—  
   No. 4—Crown Lands.  
   No. 5—Aboriginals.  
 Regulations—1943—  
   No. 4 (Public Service Ordinance).  
   No. 5 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).  
 Peace Officers Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 12.  
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 286.  
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
   Ordinances—1943—  
     No. 11—Noxious Weeds.  
     No. 12—Canberra Community Hospital.  
     No. 13—Motor Traffic (No. 2).  
     No. 14—Police.  
 Ordinance—1944—No. 1—Crimes.  
 Regulations—1943—  
   No. 6 (Cemeteries Ordinance).  
   No. 7 (Public Baths Ordinance).  
   No. 8 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).  
 Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the  
   Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1942-43.  
 War Service Estates Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 292.  
 Women's Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 251.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past ten 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, and Mr. Blain\*.

\* On leave.

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