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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 32.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1944.

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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
3. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Sir Earle Page, by leave, withdrew Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, standing in his name.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Earle Page 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 provision of further assistance to enable the dairying industry to meet all its additional burdens including those imposed by war conditions and the findings of the Federal Arbitration Court".  
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—  
Sir Earle Page moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Ordered—That Mr. Pollard be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
*Closure.*—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.  
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and negatived.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1942-43, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.  
Ordered to be printed.  
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tasmanian War Industries Committee—Interim and Final Reports.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 46.  
National Security Act—  
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—  
Taking possession of land, &c. (29).  
Use of land (3).  
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, Nos. 47, 48, 49.
6. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1944.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Holt, viz. :—*That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House, while favouring the principle of basing income taxation on current earnings, is of opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn and redrafted to eliminate those provisions which impose an additional burden of 25 per cent. of taxation by requiring taxpayers to pay, in addition to a current year's tax, a further levy of 25 per cent. based on incomes earned in the year 1943-44"—  
Debate resumed.  
Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted extensions of time (2).  
Debate continued.

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Ordered—That Mr. Harrison be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) be granted an extension of time.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes 40.		Noes 15.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Cameron	Mr. White
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Makin	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy	Dame Enid Lyons	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan		
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Russell		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Hadley			
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Pollard		
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That after the word "forty-three" (page 5, line 17) the words "or the last day of the accounting period, if any, adopted under this Act in lieu of the income year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain\*, and Mr. Mountjoy.

\* On leave.

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