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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1944.

1. The House met, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SOCIAL SECURITY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, by leave—

(1) That Mr. Ryan and Sir Frederick Stewart be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Social Security.

(2) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order.*—Mr. Cameron raised a Point of Order that Mr. Speaker in participating in the debate should address the House from the Chair.

*Deputy Speaker's Ruling.*—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Riordan) pointed out that he was occupying the Chair in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 25, and ruled that there were precedents for the Speaker participating in debate when his administration was under discussion.

*Point of Order.*—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) raised a Point of Order as to whether Mr. Speaker was in order in addressing the House from the place at the Table used by Ministers.

*Deputy Speaker's Ruling.*—The Deputy Speaker ruled that the Speaker was in order.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Rosevear be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Sheehan moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Smith
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	Mr. Martens
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Tellers:

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Coles	
Mr. Harrison	Tellers:
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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3. WOOLLEN TEXTILES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for War Organization of Industry), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the quality of woollen cloths being produced in Australia, and informed the House that certain matters connected therewith had been referred to the Tariff Board for inquiry.

4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Australian Apple and Pear Marketing Board—Report by the Commissioner appointed under the National Security (General) Regulations and the National Security (Inquiries) Regulations on certain trading operations.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Security Act—

National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Order—No. 17.

National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders by State Premiers—  
South Australia (No. 1 of 1944).

Western Australia (dated 11th March, 1944).

Peace Officers Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 53.

5. WHEAT SUBSIDY 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—  
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. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. WHEAT INDUSTRY (WAR-TIME CONTROL) 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—  
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. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. WHEAT TAX (WAR-TIME) REPEAL 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—  
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. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 1944.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, 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. Evatt, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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10. UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS 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—  
Debate resumed by Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—  
"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted so as to provide for an equitable scheme of unemployment and sickness benefits on a contributory basis".  
Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Williams 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.

11. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
12. 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 twenty-four minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mountjoy, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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