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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), That the Government's failure to maintain adequate supplies of coal impairs the national war effort; seriously dislocates employment, production and transport; imposes unnecessary hardships upon the community; and deserves the censure of this House—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy

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Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—
Balance-sheets of the Commonwealth Bank, Note Issue Department, and Commonwealth Savings Bank, as at 30th June, 1944; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.
Statement of Australian Banking Statistics for the five quarters ended 30th June, 1944.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations—Nos. 141-144.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1944—

No. 19—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 20—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 21—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

Coal Production (War-time) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 128.

Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of goods—Nos. 603-606.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, Nos. 110, 111, 114, 119, 120, 122, 123.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 121.

Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 116.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 124.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Commonwealth purposes—

Albany, Western Australia.

Amberley, Queensland.

Barcaldine, Queensland.

Belair, South Australia.

Cairns, Queensland (2).

Enoggera, Queensland.

Evandale, Tasmania.

Jandakot, Western Australia.

Lithgow, New South Wales.

Merredin, Western Australia.

Murray Bridge, South Australia (2).

Perth, Western Australia.

Rockhampton, Queensland.

Werribee, Victoria.

Postal purposes—

Gretna, Tasmania.

West Maitland, New South Wales.

Telephonic purposes—Sydney, New South Wales.

Motor Vehicle Engine Bounty Act—Return for year 1943-44.

National Security Act—

National Security (Agricultural Aids) Regulations—Order—Fertilizers and feeding meals (Restriction of sales) (No. 2).

National Security (Army Inventions) Regulations—Order—Inventions and designs.

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Orders—Exemptions (2).

National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Orders—

Military powers during emergency.

Native reserves and mission stations (2).

Torres Strait Islands elections (2).

York area communications.

National Security (Female Minimum Rates) Regulations—Order—Vital industries.

National Security (General) Regulations—

Orders—

Brushware (Consolidating) (No. 2).

Defence impressment.

Evacuation of areas.

Heating and cooking appliances (Control of manufacture) (No. 3).

Heating and cooking appliances (Retail sales) (No. 5).

Immobilization of vessels (No. 3).

Navigation and anchor lights (No. 4).

Navigation (Control of public traffic) (No. 3).

Prohibited places (7).

Protected area.

Taking possession of land, &c. (160).

Use of land (20).

Orders by State Premiers—

New South Wales (No. 48).

Queensland (dated 15th August, 1944).

Tasmania (No. 29).

Victoria (Nos. 57, 58).

National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (276).

National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—

Payments to persons directed to accept employment.

Protected undertakings (128).

National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Order—Meat (Controlled areas) (No. 2).

National Security (Munitions) Regulations—Order—Equipment for repairing rubber tyres and tubes.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 1570-1607.

National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—

Order—Prisoners of war (Japanese protected personnel pay).

Rules—Camp (2).

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National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 60-68.
 National Security (Supplementary) Regulations--
 Order—Form of balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank.
 Orders by State Premiers -
 Queensland (dated 5th July, 1944).
 South Australia (No. 2 of 1944).
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, Nos. 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 112, 113, 118, 125, 126, 127, 129.
 Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act Return for year 1943-44.
 Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act Regulations Statutory Rules 1944, No. 117.
 Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1943.
 Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1-9) Regulations Statutory Rules 1944, No. 115.
 Ship Bounty Act --Return for year 1943 44.
 Sulphur Bounty Acts Return for year 1943-44.
 Tractor Bounty Acts Return for year 1943 44.
 Wine Export Bounty Act --Return for year 1943-44.
 Wire Netting Bounty Act --Return for year 1943-44.
 Women's Employment Act Regulations— Statutory Rules 1944, No. 109.

4. SUPPLY.— Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
 Question —put and passed.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.— Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
 Question put and passed.
6. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.— Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, 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.
7. ORDER OF BUSINESS.— Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other Business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the question is put "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair". On such Thursday General Business shall have precedence of Government Business until nine o'clock p.m.
 Question — put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT.— Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question — put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past eleven 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. Barnard, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rankin, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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