

1944.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

FRIDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AUSTRALIAN MINISTER IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.- Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that Sir Owen Dixon was about to relinquish his post as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States of America. The Government placed on record its deep appreciation of the eminent and distinguished services rendered by Sir Owen Dixon and tendered its gratitude to him.
3. REVOCATION OF MOTOR SPIRIT RETAILER'S LICENCE - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.- Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Shipping), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the revocation of the motor spirit retailer's licence granted to Sheppard's Garage, Burwood, New South Wales.
4. REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN BROADCASTS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.- Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to broadcasts over radio stations controlled by the Australian Broadcasting Commission in connexion with the recent referendum campaign.
5. CONSTRUCTION OF LANCASTER BOMBERS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.- Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of certain aspects of the programme for constructing Lancaster Bombers in Australia.
6. SUPPLY - BUDGET DEBATE. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a 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	£8,480
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be agreed to

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

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

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

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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE. - STATUTORY DECLARATIONS BILL 1944.- Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the Statutory Declarations Act 1911-1922* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 15th September, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

15th September, 1944.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1944—No. 23—
Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists Union.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Guy, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Martens, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Spender.

* On leave.

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