

1944.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 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. MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Anthony) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Richmond be suspended from the service of the House.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Coles	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy
Mr. McDonald	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

3. MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Parramatta (Sir Frederick Stewart) for reflecting on the Chair.
Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Parramatta be suspended from the service of the House.
Question—put.

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

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin	Mr. Coles	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Holt	Mr. White
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Fuller			
Mr. Gaha			
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Martens		
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1944-45.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th September, 1944, a.m.

5. PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fadden proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, " The denial to Members of the right to discuss public and national affairs in accordance with the Standing Orders and rules of procedure "—
- Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion would be out of order. If his ruling were disputed dissent could be moved; his conduct could not be questioned except upon a direct and substantive motion.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED.—Mr. Fadden moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the moving of a motion of no-confidence in the Speaker.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put.

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

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Coles	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Holt	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fuller	
		Mr. Gaha	
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Martens
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived,

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7. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. McEwen sought to raise a question of Privilege as to the right of an honorable Member to address a question without notice to a Minister and to take a Point of Order.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter was not one of Privilege.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1944.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

WINSTON DUGAN,

*Administrator.**Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Canberra, 7th September, 1944.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Lazzarini then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini 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.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1944.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

WINSTON DUGAN,

*Administrator.**Message No. 6.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 13th September, 1944.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

28th September, 1944.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Lazzarini then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—TRACTOR BOUNTY BILL 1944.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. DUGAN,

Administrator.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tractor Bounty Acts 1939*.

Canberra, 27th September, 1944.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tractor Bounty Acts 1939*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Beasley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Beasley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Beasley and Mr. Makin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Beasley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Beasley 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.

28th September, 1944.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1944-45*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate that sum* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th September, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Income Tax Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th September, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940-1943 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th September, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1943 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th September, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act 1942-1943 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th September, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act 1943 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th September, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*States Grants Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th September, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

28th September, 1944.

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill (No. 2) 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Income Tax Assessment Act 1936–1943’, as amended by the ‘Income Tax Assessment Act 1944’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th September, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1944—No. 25—
Postal Telecommunication Technicians’ Association (Australia) and Postal Electricians
Supervisors and Foremen’s Association, Postmaster-General’s Department, Commonwealth
of Australia.

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Annual Report by the Trustees for year 1943–44.
Coal Production (War-time) Act—Order—Cognizance of disputes—Exception of certain
members of Federation (dated 12th September, 1944).

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 143.
National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Defence impressment (Registration of
outboard motors).

National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 69, 70.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1943–44.

Science and Industry Research Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of Council for year 1943–44.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—SULPHUR BOUNTY BILL 1944.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. DUGAN,

Administrator.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sulphur Bounty Acts 1939*.

Canberra, 27th September, 1944.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sulphur Bounty Acts 1939*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Beasley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Beasley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Beasley and Mr. Frost do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Beasley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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14. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—WIRE NETTING BOUNTY BILL 1944.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. DUGAN,

Administrator.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wire Netting Bounty Act 1939-1940*.

Canberra, 27th September, 1944.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wire Netting Bounty Act 1939-1940*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Beasley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Beasley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Beasley and Mr. Frost do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Beasley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY BILL 1944.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Shipping), pursuant to leave given on the 26th September, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to approve and give effect to an Agreement made between the Commonwealth and the State of Tasmania with respect to the Production, for the purposes of Defence, of Ingot Aluminium, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Beasley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Pollard, and Mr. Scully.

* On leave.

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