

1944.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Forde (Acting 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. WANT OF CONFIDENCE—NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) gave notice of a motion of Want of Confidence which he proposed to move to-morrow.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of Want of Confidence of which he has given notice for the next sitting, and that such motion take precedence of all other business until disposed of.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Coles	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conclan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Smith
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	

Tellers:

Mr. Martens
Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

The Order of the Day for the Want of Confidence motion having been called on—

Point of Order.—Mr. Menzies raised a Point of Order that the motion agreed to by the House for the suspension of the Standing Orders did not require him to move forthwith the motion of Want of Confidence, of which he had given notice for the next sitting, and that, as the House had decided that the Want of Confidence motion should take precedence of all other business, it was not competent for the House to proceed now to other business.

Debate ensued.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the Right Honorable Member had not taken advantage of the opportunity given to move his motion forthwith and that the application of that part of the decision of the House regarding precedence was dependent upon the motion being moved.

Point of Order.—Mr. McEwen raised a Point of Order that the motion moved by Mr. Forde had not been seconded.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that it was not the practice to require motions moved by Ministers to be seconded.

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4. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1944.—Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Export Bounty Act 1939-1940*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Forde 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY 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.
Mr. Fadden 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 for the purpose of referring the matter to the Tariff Board for investigation and report”.
Debate continued.
Mr. Cameron moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
Debate continued.
Mr. Morgan 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. DUGAN,

*Administrator.**Message No. 14.*

A Proposed Law intituled “*United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Act 1944*” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 27th November, 1944.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION BILL 1944.—
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to approve the Acceptance of the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1944.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—Tocumwal, New South Wales.
National Security Act—
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Disposal of dead bodies.
Taking possession of land, &c. (23).
Use of land.
National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (27).
National Security (Potatoes) Regulations—Order—No. 18.
National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Order—No. 75.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Beasley, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mountjoy, Sir Earle Page, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

* On leave.

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