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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 24.

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY, 1945.

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. THE WAR—AUSTRALIAN LANDING IN BORNEO—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the terms of a communique with reference to the landing operations of the Australian Forces in the Borneo area.
3. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Haylen referred to remarks in a daily newspaper alleged to have been made by the honorable Member for Barker (Mr. Cameron) in which reflections were made upon the Chairman of Committees, and claimed that the remarks constituted a breach of Privilege.
Point of Order.—Mr. Spender raised a Point of Order that the matter, as submitted, was not one of Privilege.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter was one of Privilege.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Haylen moved, That the public statement by the honorable Member for Barker reflecting upon the Chairman of Committees deserves the severest condemnation of the House, and that the Member be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of the Session, or for one calendar month, whichever should first terminate.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order.—Mr. Holt raised a Point of Order that in discussing the motion it was competent for an honorable Member to refer to the circumstances surrounding the suspension of the honorable Member for Barker at the previous sitting.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that it would not be in order.
Mr. Holt indicated his intention to move dissent from the Speaker's Ruling.
No objection to the Ruling having been handed in, in writing, the matter was not further proceeded with.
Debate on motion continued.
Mr. Cameron having tendered an apology for having made the statement to which the attention of the House had been drawn—
Motion withdrawn, by leave.
4. POTATOES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made Ministerial Statements on the following matters:—
 - (a) The dumping on the Adelaide market of potatoes from Western Australia, and
 - (b) Contracts with potato-growers, grading standards and disposal of surplus supplies.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Commonwealth purposes—

Ballarat, Victoria.

Birkenhead, South Australia.

Cairns, Queensland.

Geebung, Queensland.

Indooroopilly, Queensland.

Merredin, Western Australia.

Moree, New South Wales.

North Bourke, New South Wales.

Postal purposes—Narromine, New South Wales.

National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Tinplate cans for tomatoes.
6. NATIONAL SECURITY (ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION) REGULATIONS—PROPOSED AMENDMENT.—Mr. Bowden moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations relative to house and land sales control should be amended to provide for the establishment of an appeal board to which any aggrieved person may appeal from any decision by a delegate of the Treasurer.
Debate ensued.
Mr. McLeod 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 Thursday, 24th May.

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7. NATIONAL SECURITY (LANDLORD AND TENANT) REGULATIONS—PROPOSED AMENDMENT.—Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That in the opinion of this House the National Security (Landlord and Tenant) Regulations are operating harshly and unfairly ;
- (2) That they are excluding many owners from the occupation of their homes ;
- (3) That by denying justice to landlords and thereby deterring owners from letting premises they are preventing the use by the wives and dependants of servicemen of many homes, otherwise available ; and
- (4) That they should be amended by the adoption, *inter alia*, of six proposals submitted to the Minister for Trade and Customs in February, 1944, and approved by him in writing on the 19th June, 1944, and by the adoption of the request rejected by the Minister but since recommended by the Regulations Advisory Committee enabling owners to occupy their homes upon the giving of three months' notice.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Daly 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 Thursday, 24th May.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 3, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 24th May.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

10. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1945.—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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That after " Commonwealth " (page 2, line 22) the words " or by any Allied Government " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9—

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT. —Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 4TH MAY, 1945.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. James, Mr. Martens, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Watkins*.

* On leave.

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