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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 33.

TUESDAY, 22ND MAY, 1945.

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. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR ARTHUR ROBINSON.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House of the death on the 17th May of the Honorable Sir Arthur Robinson, and moved, That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of the Honorable Sir Arthur Robinson, K.C.M.G., a former Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Wannan, a Member of both Houses of the Parliament of Victoria and a Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 3.*

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“Wool Tax Act 1945”

“Wool Use Promotion Act 1945”

“Income Tax Assessment Act 1945”

“Income Tax Act 1945”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Royal Highness has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 18th May, 1945.

4. OFFICIAL WAR PHOTOGRAPH—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to an official photograph distributed by the Department of Information purporting to be a picture of an Australian soldier in action in the Aitape sector, New Guinea.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1945—
 - No. 22—Common Rule *re* Accidents.
 - No. 23—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - No. 24—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Department of Trade and Customs.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Health—C. Farnbach, W. E. Martin, A. C. K. McWhinney, W. F. Rice.
 - Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 68.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Commonwealth purposes—
 - East Sale, Victoria.
 - Enfield, South Australia.
 - Port Augusta, South Australia.
 - South Guildford, Western Australia.
 - Postal purposes—
 - Murgon, Queensland.
 - Sale, Victoria.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (Fish) Regulations—Order—Fish priorities.
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 - Control of footwear (Styles and quality) (No. 6).
 - Manufacture of domestic furniture (No. 4).
 - Prohibited places.
 - Restrictions on new manufactures—Exemption.
 - Restrictions on new manufactures—Exemptions—Revocation.
 - National Security (Shearing of Sheep) Regulations—Orders—Exemption (2).

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6. LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Life Insurance and other matters.
Question—put and passed.
7. WAR GRATUITY BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the payment of War Gratuity to members of the Defence Force in respect of War Service.
Question—put and passed.
8. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fadden, viz. :—*That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide more adequately for the re-establishment of members of the forces, more especially with regard to the incorporation of (a) effective preference unlimited as to time, and (b) the maintenance of the principle of preference in the Commonwealth Public Service Acts”—
Debate resumed.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Coles	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Daly	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Smith
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on the motion—That the Bill be now read a second time—continued.

Mr. Cameron was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

9. OFFICIAL WAR PHOTOGRAPH—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the terms of a report made by the Right Honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Scullin) and the Right Honorable Member for Cowper (Sir Earle Page) upon the matter of whether there was any unworthy motive on the part of the photographer from the Department of Information and the war correspondent in regard to an official photograph purporting to be a picture of an Australian soldier in action in the Aitape sector, New Guinea.
10. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT 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.)

Clause 1 debated.

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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
12. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) moved, 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.

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13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past ten 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. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Gaha, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lemmon, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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