

1945.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 90.

FRIDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1945.

1. The House met, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CLEMENCY TOWARDS OFFENDERS AGAINST LAWS OF COMMONWEALTH AND TERRITORIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that His Royal Highness the Governor-General had been pleased to mark the occasion of the formal surrender of Japan by exercising clemency towards offenders against the laws of the Commonwealth and Territories.
3. AIR ATTACK ON DARWIN—REPORT OF COMMISSIONER—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Defence), by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
 Darwin—Japanese Aircraft Attack, February, 1942—Reports of Commissioner (Mr. Justice Lowe), together with observations thereon by the Departments of the Navy, Army, Air and Interior—  
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
 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.
4. FATE OF CIVILIANS IN NEW GUINEA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the fate of civilians who were in the Territory of New Guinea at the time of the Japanese invasion.
5. PERSONS MISSING IN NEW GUINEA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in relation to Mr. H. Page, Government Secretary, New Guinea, reported missing following the invasion of New Guinea by the Japanese, and his son, Captain R. C. Page, who is also reported missing.
6. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS WAR GOODS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for Munitions), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the disposal of certain surplus war goods, and informed the House of the system adopted in liquidating stocks of surplus motor vehicles.
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Conelan, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Commonwealth Public Service—Systems of Promotion and Temporary Transfers—  
 Report of Committee of Inquiry.

Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-fourth Report, for year 1943-44.

W. P. CONELAN,  
 Chairman.

4th October, 1945.

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Mr. Conelan moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At seventeen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
*Resumption of Sitting.*—At fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

[*States Grants Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 54.

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, 5th October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Tuberculosis Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 55.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide Financial Assistance to the States for use in connexion with Tuberculosis, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Pharmaceutical Benefits Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1944 ’* ”.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*High Commissioner Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 57.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ High Commissioner Act 1909-1940 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Education Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 58.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to establish a Commonwealth Office of Education and a Universities Commission, to provide for the University Training of Discharged Members of the Forces, to provide for Financial Assistance to University Students, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Seat of Government Supreme Court Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Seat of Government Supreme Court Act 1933-1935 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Loan (Housing) Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

5th October, 1945.

*[Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1943-44]—*

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

*[Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1943-44]—*

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

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

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

## 9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—

Australian Wool Board—Ninth Annual Report, for year 1944-45.

Broadcasting—Composite statement of programme and technical service accounts of Australian Broadcasting Commission and Postmaster-General's Department in respect of the national broadcasting service for year 1943-44.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Nineteenth Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, for year 1944-45, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-first Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board for year 1944-45, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Meat Export Control Act—Tenth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1944-45, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—  
Control of—

Footwear (Styles and quality) (No. 7).

Highways—Revocations (2).

Prohibited places—Revocations (25).

Protected area—Revocation.

Use of land—Revocation.

National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Order—No. 104.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 154.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1945—No. 10—Gaming and Betting.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Seventeenth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1944-45, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

## 10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

## 11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5th October, 1945.

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And then the House, at five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Coles, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Haylen\*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson\*, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mulcahy\*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Russell, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. White\*, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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