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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 91.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1946.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 5th October last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. RESIGNATION OF MEMBER AND ISSUE OF AND RETURN TO WRIT (WIMMERA DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that during the adjournment he had received from Mr. Alexander Wilson a letter resigning, as from 31st December, 1945, his seat as Member for the Electoral Division of Wimmera. •Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had, on the 8th January last, issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wimmera, in the State of Victoria. A Return to the Writ had been received, and by the endorsement thereon it was certified that Winton George Turnbull had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
- 3. MEMBER SWORN.--Winton George Turnbull, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
- 4. RESIGNATION OF MEMBER AND ISSUE OF WRIT (HENTY DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that during the adjournment he had received from Mr. Arthur William Coles a letter resigning, as from 11th February, 1946, his seat as Member for the Electoral Division of Henty. Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had, on the 25th February last, issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Henty, in the State of Victoria. The dates in connexion with the Election were fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ				Monday, 25th February, 1946.
Date of Nomination	••			Monday, 11th March, 1946.
Date of Polling		• •		Saturday, 30th March, 1946.
Date of Return of Writ	••	••	••	On or before Saturday, 20th April, 1946.

5. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR DAVID GORDON.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House of the death on the 12th February of the Honorable Sir David Gordon, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of the Honorable Sir David John Gordon, a former Member for the Division of Boothby and Member of the Legislative Council of South Australia, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its deep sympathy to 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.

6. DEATH OF MR. J. P. D. DUNN.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 21st November last of Mr. J. P. D. Dunn, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of Mr. James Patrick Digger Dunn, a former Senator for the State of New South Wales, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its deep sympathy to 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.

7. DEATH OF MR. OLIVER UPPILL.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House of the death on the 28th February of Mr. Oliver Uppill, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of Mr. Oliver Uppill, a former Senator for the State of South Australia, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and members of his family in their bereavement.

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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.

8. THE WAR—CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES—ADDRESS TO THE KING—ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication from His Royal Highness the Governor-General :—

> Government House, Canberra,

> > 12th October, 1945.

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address from Members of the House of Representatives to The King on the occasion of the victorious conclusion of the World War has been laid before His Majesty.

The King has directed me to convey to Members of the House of Representatives His sincere thanks for the kind congratulations contained in the Address and His appreciation of the loyal sentiments to which it gives expression.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 38.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Royal Highness the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Proposed Laws intituled :---

" Appropriation Act 1945-46"

" Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1945-46"

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, 10th October, 1945.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 39.

A Proposed Law initial "*Pharmaceutical Benefits 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 Law.

Government House, Canberra, 10th October, 1945.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Proposed Laws intituled :---

" Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1945"

"Income Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1945

" Income Tax Act (No. 2) 1945"

"Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1945"

" Social Services Contribution Act 1945"

"National Welfare Fund Act 1945"

"Bankruptcy Act 1945"

"Commonwealth Public Service Act (No. 2) 1945"

" Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement Act 1945"

" Loan (Housing) Act 1945"

" Tuberculosis Act 1945 "

" Hospital Benefits Act 1945"

" War Crimes Åct 1945 "

" Wool Realization Act 1945 "

" Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945"

" Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945 "

"War Service Land Settlement Agreements Act 1945"

" States Grants Act 1945"

"High Commissioner Act 1945"

"Education Act 1945"

"Widows' Pensions 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, 11th October, 1945.

Message No. 40.

HENRY. Governor-General.

Message No. 41.

Proposed Laws intituled :-

- " Seat of Government Supreme Court Act 1945"
- " Supplementary Appropriation Act 1943-44"
- " Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1943-44

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, 19th October, 1945.

- 10. SERJEANT-AT-ARMS .- Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. A. G. Turner had been appointed Serjeant-at-Arms in place of Mr. H. A. Dodd who had been seconded for other duties in the Commonwealth Public Service.
- 11. MINISTERIAL DUTIES.-Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Senator Keane, Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) would act as Minister for Trade and Customs and that Senator Collings (Vice-President of the Executive Council) would represent the Minister for Trade and Customs in the Senate. Mr. Chifley also announced that Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) would act in the place of the Minister for Defence, Mr. Beasley, who had taken up duties in London as Australian Resident Minister.

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

Commonwealth Public Service Act-Twenty-first Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by Board of Commissioners, dated 18th February, 1946. Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Twenty-second Annual Report, for year 1943-44.

- 13. Allowances to Senators and Members for Expenses in Canberra-Ministerial Statement.-Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the granting of allowances to Senators and Members towards expenses incurred in attending sittings of the Parliament.
- 14. 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. Chifley (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.

Question-put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

15. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT .- Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House. Debate ensued. Ordered-That Mr. Fadden be granted extensions of time (2). Debate continued.

Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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. PAPERS.-The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General-

National Security Act-

National Security (Prices) Regulations-Declaration-No. 158.

National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations-Notice-Returns of vegetable seeds. Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Air Force Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules-

1945, Nos. 175, 196, 201. 1946, No. 33.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act-Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.-1945

No. 48-Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 49-Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 50-Amalgamated Engineering Union; and others.

No. 51-Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

Nos. 52-55-Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 56—Amalgamated Engineering Union; and others. No. 57—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association; and others.

No. 58-Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association of Australia.

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No. 1-Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 2-Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 3--Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 4-Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.

No. 5---Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service : Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association; Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association; Federated Clerks' Union of Australia; and Amalgamated Union. Engineering

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act-Report by Auditor-General upon accounts of Trustees of Fund, for year 1944-45.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act-

Regulations--Statutory Rules 1946, No. 16.

War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals-Reports for year 1944-45.

Commonwealth Public Service Act-

Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—L. B. Tulloh. Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 22.

Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1946, No. 21.

Commonwealth Shipping Act-Commonwealth Shipping Board-Cockatoo Island Dockyard-Balance-sheet and Liquidation Account, together with Auditor-General's report thereon, for year ended 28th February, 1945.

Copyright Act---Regulations---Statutory Rules 1945, No. 198.

Customs Act -

Customs Proclamations-Nos. 637-643, 647-650.

Regulations - - Statutory Rules-

1945, No. 186.

1946, No. 10.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1946, No. 13.

Darwin Lands Acquisition Act, Lands Acquisition Act, and Lands Acquisition Ordinance of the Northern Territory-Land acquired for purposes of re-planning and development, and institution of system of leasehold tenure-Darwin, Northern Territory.

Defence Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules-

1945, Nos. 180, 195.

1946, Nos. 6, 7.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act--Regulations--Statutory Rules-

1945, Nos. 157, 172.

1946, Nos. 8, 31.

Designs Act – Regulations – Statutory Rules 1945, No. 200.

Hospital Benefits Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1946, No. 2.

Immigration Act- Regulations-Statutory Rules 1946, No. 20.

Income Tax Assessment Act---Regulations-Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 169, 192.

Judiciary Act--Rule of Court, dated 16th October, 1945.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for-

Commonwealth purposes-

Aniberley, Queensland. Belmont, Western Australia. Byford, Western Australia.

Camden, New South Wales.

Cloncurry, Qucensland. Coffs Harbour, New South Wales.

East Adelaide, South Australia.

Ekibin, Queensland.

Greta, New South Wales.

Hobart, Tasmania.

Holland Park, Queensland.

Kempsey, New South Wales.

Lake Boga, Victoria.

Launceston, Tasmania.

Lilli Pilli, New South Wales.

Lowood, Queensland.

Mascot, New South Wales.

Merredin, Western Australia.

Mount Nebo (near Wollongong), New South Wales.

Narromine, New South Wales (2).

Newington, New South Wales.

Onslow, Western Australia. Pearce, Western Australia.

Port Hedland, Western Australia.

Robertson, New South Wales. Roebourne, Western Australia.

Roma, Queensland.

South Brisbane, Queensland. Sydney, New South Wales (2).

Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. 0 Warwick, Queensland. White Rock (near Cairns), Queensland. Wollongong, New South Wales. Yelta, Victoria. Postal purposes-Bundaberg, Queensland. Callawa, Western Australia. Camberwell, Victoria. Cannington, Western Australia. Carlton, Victoria. Caulfield South, Victoria. Cheltenham, Victoria. Coorparoo, Queensland. Fitzroy Crossing, Western Australia. Glen Iris, Victoria. Henley Beach, South Australia. Jarvisfield, Queensland. Kew, Victoria. Konong Wootong, Victoria. Kooyong, Victoria. Maryborough, Queensland. Mayfield, New South Wales. Miriam Vale, Queensland. Mount Barker, South Australia. New Farm, Queensland. Northbridge, New South Wales. Penrith, New South Wales. Perth, Western Australia. Richmond, Victoria. West Melbourne, Victoria. Telephonic purposes— Atherton, Queensland. Gordonvale, Queensland. National Security Act-National Security (Agricultural Aids) Regulations-Orders--Hay, straw and chaff (New South Wales), (Queensland), (Tasmania) and (Victoria)---Revocations. National Security (Agricultural Machinery) Regulations-Order-Agricultural machinery (No. 5). National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations-Order-Apple and pear acquisition 1945-46. National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations-Orders-Exemptions (2). National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations-Orders Economic organization (Interest rates). Exemption. National Security (Fish) Regulations-Orders-Fish markets (New South Wales)-Revocation. Sale of fish (New South Wales)-Revocation. National Security (Food Control) Regulations-Orders---Nos. 23-31. Orders by State Minister for Agriculture-New South Wales (Nos. 3, 4). National Security (General) Regulations-By-laws-Controlled areas-Revocations (4). Orders-Bacon and smallgoods (South Australia)-Revocation. Bread industry (Queensland)—Revocation. Canvasware-Revocation. Chain manufacture-Revocation. Clothing materials investigation-Revocation. Cocoa, chocolate and confectionery-Revocation. Control of-Bitumen-Revocation. Canned fruits-Revocation. Collapsible tubes—Revocation. Dextrose-Revocation. Elastic materials (No. 3). Electric dry battery manufacture-Revocation. Electric torch case manufacture-Revocation. Essential materials (Nos. 17, 18). Footwear (Styles and quality) (No. 8). Hand and garden tools-Revocation. Horseshoe manufacture-Revocation. Ice (Queensland)--Revocation. Leather-Revocation.

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Leather goods (No. 3). Leather goods-Revocation. Liquid paraffin-Revocation. Liquor (No. 5). Packages-Revocation. Production and distribution of footwear-Revocation. Radio service-Revocation. Radio spare parts-Revocation. Refrigerators and refrigeration equipment-Revocation. Retail delivery of commodities-Revocation. Solder-Revocation. Trailer manufacture-Revocation. Dry cleaning industry-Revocation. Egg vendors (South Australia)-Revocation. Feminine outerwear (No. 3). Fish (Estimates and returns)-Revocation. Fishing industry (Estimates and returns)-Revocation. Ice industry (Victoria)-Revocation. Knitted goods (No. 3). Laundry industry-Revocation. Male outerwear (No. 2). Manufacture of-Domestic furniture (No. 6). Fur garments-Revocation. Omnibus bodies-Revocation. Merchant ships (Passive defence)-Revocation. Milk industry (Queensland)-Revocation. Milk vendors (Geelong), (Tasmania)-Revocations. Navigation and anchor lights-Revocation. Navigation (Aquatic racing on Sydney Harbour)-Revocation. Navigation (Control of public traffic)--Revocation. Navigation (Darkening ship)-Revocation. Navigation (Recognition procedure)—Revocation. Navigation (Small craft)—Revocation. Prohibited places-Revocations (45). Prohibition of non-essential production (No. 19). Protected area—Revocation. Protection of exposed personnel (Merchant ships)-Revocation. Protection of shipping (Accommodation for defence personnel)-Revocation. Protection of shipping (Defensive armament)-Revocation. Protection of shipping (Paravane equipment)-Revocation. Retail grocery (Queensland)--Revocation. Rubber (Relaxations). Rubber (Relaxations) (No. 2). Shirts, collars and pyjamas (No. 2). South Australia milk vendors-Revocation. Taking possession of land, &c. (23). Use of land. Utensils (Miscellaneous)-Revocation. Watches in Australian ships. Wholesale butter trade control (South Australia)-Revocation. Wooden tool-handles (Manufacture and sale)-Revocation. Woven underwear (No. 2). Orders and by-laws-Protected areas-Revocations (3). Orders by State Premiers-New South Wales (Nos. 58-60). Victoria (No. 62). National Security (General) Regulations and National Security (Supplementary) Regulations-Order by State Premier-New South Wales (No. 57). National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations-Orders-Inventions and designs (486). National Security (Landlord and Tenant) Regulations-Rules-Fair Rents Board, 1945 (Tasmania). National Security (Land Transport) Regulations-Orders-Land transport orders (South Australia)-Revocation. Passenger vehicles control (Western Australia)-Revocation. Revocation of certain road transport orders (dated 1st October, 1945). National Security (Man Power) Regulations-Orders-Protected undertakings (33). National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations-Order-No. 52. National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Order—Meat (No. 35). National Security (Mobilization of Electricity Supply) Regulations— Determinations—Electricity (Australian Capital Territory) (2). Orders Electricity (Australian Capital Territory) (3).

Electricity-Revocation.

National Security (Prices) Regulations-Orders-Nos. 2197-2328, 2330-2406, 2408-2415.

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National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations-Orders-

Prisoners of war camp (No. 15).

Prisoners of war (Pay arrangements) (No. 5).

Prisoners of war (Payment) (No. G.I. A.2).

National Security (Rationing) Regulations-Orders-Nos. 106-114.

National Security (Salvage) Regulations-Order-Salvage-Revocation.

National Security (Shearing of Sheep) Regulations—Order—Exemption. National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—

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National Security (Supplementary) Regulations-

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Queensland (2-dated 23rd October, 1945, and 2nd January, 1946).

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Post and Telegraph Act--Regulations --Statutory Rules 1945, No. 194.

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Re-establishment and Employment Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules-

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Tuberculosis Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1946, No. 9.

War Crimes Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1945, No. 164

War Gratuity Act--Regulations-Statutory Rules 1945, No. 176.

War Service Homes Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1945, No. 202.

Wine Grapes Charges Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1945, No. 171

Wine Overseas Marketing Act- Regulations - Statutory Rules 1945, No. 177.

Wireless Telegraphy Act--Regulations--Statutory Rules 1945, No. 185.

Women's Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 170.

17. ADJOURNMENT .--- Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- And then the House, at two minutes past eleven 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. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. Sheehy.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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