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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 106.

FRIDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1946.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. IMMIGRATION—AGREEMENTS AND PROPOSALS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the agreements made and the proposals being considered to give effect to the Government's plans for bringing migrants from the United Kingdom. Mr. Calwell then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Immigration—Agreements and Proposals—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Harrison 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.
3. WHEAT FOR DOG BISCUITS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the circumstances surrounding the release of wheat for use in the manufacture of dog biscuits.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
Immigration—
Commonwealth Immigration Advisory Committee—Report.
Free and Assisted Passage Schemes for British Migrants from the United Kingdom—Copies of Draft Agreements between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, together with explanatory leaflets issued by the United Kingdom authorities, and a Statement (5th March, 1946) by the Minister for Immigration when the Agreements were signed.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 59.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth purposes—
Aitkenvale, Queensland.
Archerfield, Queensland.
Charters Towers, Queensland.
Postal purposes—
Camberwell, Victoria.
Clifton, Queensland.
Mile End, South Australia.
Ormond, Victoria.
St. Kilda, Victoria.
National Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.
5. NATIONAL SECURITY BILL 1946.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the termination of the *National Security Act* 1939-1943.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Evatt 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.

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6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SOCIAL SERVICES) BILL 1946.—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—
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden be granted extensions of time (2).
Debate continued.
Mr. Blain 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 the next sitting.

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

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 69.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 1945’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th April, 1946.

[*War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940-1944’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th April, 1946.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Rankin, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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