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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 111.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1946.

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. 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.

Message No. 44.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- “ *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946* ”
- “ *Superannuation Act 1946* ”
- “ *Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act 1946* ”
- “ *Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1946* ”
- “ *Entertainments Tax Act 1946* ”
- “ *Income Tax Assessment Act 1946* ”
- “ *War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1946* ”

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.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 13th April, 1946.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 45.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- “ *War Service Homes Act 1946* ”
- “ *Nationality Act 1946* ”
- “ *Judiciary Act 1946* ”
- “ *Sugar Agreement Act 1946* ”
- “ *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1946* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1946* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1946* ”
- “ *National Security Act 1946* ”

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.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 18th April, 1946.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 46.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1946* ” 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, 3rd May, 1946.

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3. **MINISTERIAL CHANGES.**—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that, consequent on the death of Senator Keane, Senator Fraser had been appointed Minister for Trade and Customs and Senator McKenna had been appointed Minister for Health and for Social Services.
He intimated that, in the House of Representatives, Mr. Forde will represent the Minister for Trade and Customs, and Mr. Dedman the Minister for Supply and Shipping.
4. **ILLEGAL ABSENTEES FROM THE ARMY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the disposal of illegal absentees from the Army.
5. **PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, LONDON, 1946—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing the subjects discussed at the Conference of Prime Ministers which opened in London on the 23rd April, 1946, and, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Conference of Prime Ministers, London, 1946—Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister, 19th June, 1946—
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.
6. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
Civil Aircraft Accident near Hobart, 10th March, 1946—Report by Air Court of Inquiry, together with copy of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and that the Report be printed.
Nauru—Ordinance—1946—No. 1—War Deaths (Civilians) Certificates.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 65.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1946—
No. 7—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
No. 8—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 9—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
Nos. 10 and 11—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
Nos. 12–14—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 15—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association and Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
No. 16—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1944–45.
Bankruptcy Act—Seventeenth Annual Report by Attorney-General, for year ended 31st July, 1945.
Commonwealth Bank Act—
Appointments—J. Beckett, L. M. Birch, J. D. Kelly, J. R. Kitto, G. R. Lambert, C. H. Macphillamy, R. Taylor.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 80.
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 75.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department—
External Affairs—A. L. Douglas.
Interior—G. F. H. Gee.
Post-war Reconstruction—A. S. Brown.
Treasury—S. W. Caffin.
Works and Housing—W. C. Alexander.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 68.
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 77, 90.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 72, 73.
Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 76.
Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 89.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth purposes—
Batchelor, Northern Territory.
Belair, South Australia.
Brisbane, Queensland.
Cambridge, Tasmania.
Camooweal, Queensland.
Charters Towers, Queensland.
Cowra, New South Wales.
Currie, King Island, Tasmania.
Gawler, South Australia.
Geraldton, Western Australia.
Herne Bay, New South Wales.
Hillman, Western Australia.
Kelso, New South Wales.

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- Koombal (Cairns), Queensland.
- Mascot, New South Wales.
- Mount Isa, Queensland.
- Mulwala, New South Wales.
- North Fremantle, Western Australia.
- Oodnadatta, South Australia.
- Rathmines, New South Wales.
- Robertson, New South Wales.
- Rockhampton, Queensland (2).
- South Deniliquin, New South Wales.
- Wagin, Western Australia.
- Yass, New South Wales.
- Customs purposes—Burnie, Tasmania.
- Postal purposes—
 - Bunbury, Western Australia.
 - Edwardstown, South Australia.
 - Farrell Flat, South Australia.
 - Gardenvale, Victoria.
 - Greensborough, Victoria.
 - Hartwell, Victoria.
 - Largs Bay, South Australia.
 - Launceston, Tasmania.
 - Maddington, Western Australia.
 - Melbourne, Victoria.
 - Mena Creek, Queensland.
 - Mordialloc, Victoria.
 - Nhill, Victoria.
 - Pallamallawa, New South Wales.
 - Peterborough, South Australia.
 - Pleasant Hills, New South Wales.
 - Salisbury, South Australia.
 - Temora, New South Wales.
- Nationality Act—Return for 1945.
- National Security Act—
 - National Security (Agricultural Aids) Regulations—Order—Bran and pollard (Restriction of sales)—Revocation.
 - National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.
 - National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations—Order—Exchange control (Exemptions) (No. 2).
 - National Security (General) Regulations—
 - Orders—
 - Bread industry (Australian Capital Territory), (Victoria), (Western Australia)—Revocations.
 - Control of—
 - Elastic materials (No. 4).
 - Liquor (Interstate supplies of beer)—Revocation.
 - Paraffin wax—Revocation.
 - Radio broadcast receivers—Revocation.
 - Regulation of transport—Revocation.
 - Rubber (Relaxations) (Nos. 3, 4).
 - Order by State Premier—New South Wales (No. 62).
 - National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (282).
 - National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 55–57.
 - National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Orders—Acquisition of meat—Revocations (2).
 - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2493–2516.
 - National Security (Rabbit Skins) Regulations—Order—Returns.
 - National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 123.
 - National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—1946, Nos. 5–14.
 - National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders by State Premiers—
 - New South Wales (No. 61).
 - Queensland (4—dated 30th April, 2nd May, 23rd May, and 29th May, 1946).
 - Tasmania (No. 11).
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 69, 70, 71, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 87, 93, 94, 95, 96.
 - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1946—No. 4—Dudley Point Mess (Winding-up).
 - Papua—New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinances—1946—
 - No. 2—Ordinances Interpretation.
 - No. 3—Liquor (No. 2).
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 - Ordinances—1946—
 - No. 1—Co-operative Trading Societies.
 - No. 2—Workmen's Compensation.

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No. 3—Racecourses.

No. 4—Police Superannuation.

No. 5—Industrial Board.

Regulations—1946—No. 1 (Canberra University College Ordinance).

War Gratuity Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 92.

War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 74.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1946-47.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 47.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

Mackay, Queensland,
12th June, 1946.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

8. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1946-47.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the service of the year 1946-47 a sum not exceeding £44,826,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chifley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1946-47.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1946-47, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £44,826,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Lazzarini do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1946-47.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1946.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 48.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Longreach, Queensland,
18th June, 1946.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Chifley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Lazzarini do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Chifley 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.

Mr. Chifley 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.

12. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BILL 1946.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) 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.

13. LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EX-SERVICEMEN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), That the Paper [*presented on the 20th July, 1945*], viz. :—

Land Settlement Scheme for Ex-Servicemen—Ministerial Statement, 20th July, 1945—be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

Mr. Anthony moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—

“ a Select Committee be appointed forthwith for the purpose of reporting upon—

- (a) The adequacy of the cash loan at present enacted to establish ex-servicemen on the land ;
- (b) The necessity for immediately making provision for a scheme for acquisition of single unit farms chosen by ex-servicemen after appropriate approval ; and
- (c) The qualifications at present stipulated in respect to ex-servicemen who desire to become soldier settlers ”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Harrison	Tellers:
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

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

[*Constitution Alteration (Social Services) Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws for the Provision of Maternity Allowances, Widows' Pensions, Child Endowment, Unemployment, Pharmaceutical, Sickness and Hospital Benefits, Medical and Dental Services, Benefits to Students and Family Allowances*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 19th June, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Constitution Alteration (Organized Marketing of Primary Products) Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws providing for the Organized Marketing of Primary Products, unrestricted by section ninety-two of the Constitution*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 19th June, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Constitution Alteration (Industrial Employment) Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 81.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Terms, and Conditions of Employment in Industry*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 19th June, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to 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, Mr. Clark, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Lawson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Williams.

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