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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 8.

FRIDAY, 3RD MAY, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MILITARY CAMPAIGN IN NORWAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the progress of the campaign of the Allied Forces in Northern and Southern Norway.
3. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. WHEAT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement outlining the position with regard to the production, storage, marketing and shipment of wheat and informed the House of the Government's advice to wheat farmers counselling prudence and caution in future wheat production.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 68.
National Security Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 72.
6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Spurr addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.
7. SUPPLY.—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
8. 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.
9. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Nock (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Curtin (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.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 9.
11. NEW STANDING ORDER—DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army), for Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That the following new Standing Order be adopted by the House :—
“215A. In case of unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, the House may appoint a Deputy Chairman of Committees, who, during such absence, may exercise all the powers and functions, and shall perform all the duties, of the Chairman of Committees.”.
Question—put and passed.

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12. **DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.**—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army), for Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), having amended, by leave, Notice of Motion No. 2, moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Wednesday at three o'clock p.m.; on each Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m.; and on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.

13. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army), for Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other Business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the question is put “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair”. On such Thursday General Business shall have precedence of Government Business until nine o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.

14. **PATENTS BILL 1940.**—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Patents of Inventions and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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. Hughes moved, by leave, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Holt, Mr. Nairn, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Paterson.
Debate ensued.
Motion withdrawn, by leave.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. **TRADE MARKS BILL 1940.**—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Trade Marks and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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.

16. **PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT (WAR POWERS) BILL 1940.**—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright (War Powers) Act 1939*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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.

17. **TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL 1940.**—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section three of the *Trading with the Enemy Act 1939*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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.

18. **COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1940.**—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section fifty-two b of the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1933*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Spender 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.

19. **MOTOR VEHICLES AGREEMENT BILL 1940.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Execution of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and Australian Consolidated Industries Limited with respect to the Manufacture of Motor Vehicles, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.

20. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Member named.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Denison (Mr. Mahoney) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
Mr. Mahoney having apologized to the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.
Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Clark, Mr. Collins, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Forde, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hunter, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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