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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

THURSDAY, 30TH MAY, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for Supply and Development), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing the progress made in the production of aircraft.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Lane, by leave, presented a Petition from certain old-age pensioners and other citizens of the Commonwealth, praying that immediate consideration be given to the question of increasing the present rate of pension from One pound per week to One pound ten shillings per week. Petition received and read.
4. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the business the Government desired to be transacted before the adjournment, and of the date on which the House would be re-assembled.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. Stacey, Chairman, brought up the First 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, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the Prorogation of Parliament in March last, recommend that the following be printed :—

Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act—Eighteenth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Commonwealth Railways—Report for 1938-39.
Iron Ore Reserves—Report by Commonwealth Geological Adviser.
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1938-39.
Papua—Annual Report for 1938-1939.
Postmaster-General's Department—Twenty-ninth Annual Report, 1938-39.
Summary of National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations.
Superannuation Act—Seventeenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1938-39.
Tariff Board—Annual Report, 1937-38.
Trade Discussions between the United Kingdom and Australia—Memorandum of Conclusions.

F. H. STACEY,
Chairman.

House of Representatives Committee Room,
30th May, 1940.

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

6. NATIONAL SECURITY BILL 1940.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal and re-enact section seventeen of, and to insert a new section thirteen A in, the *National Security Act 1939*.
Question—put and passed.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 87.
9. MOTOR VEHICLES AGREEMENT BILL 1940 [No. 2].—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize 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.
Point of Order.—Mr. Blackburn raised a Point of Order that the motion was the same in substance as one which had been resolved during the present Session.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker said that, on a number of occasions, motions for leave to bring in Bills had been similar in terms and that the practice of the House was to allow the procedure now being questioned. Mr. Speaker also pointed out that the terms of the motion differed in one particular from the motion for the introduction of an earlier Bill. Under the circumstances, he ruled that the motion was in order.
Question—put and passed.
10. GOLD TAX COLLECTION BILL 1940.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gold Tax Collection Act 1939*.
Question—put and passed.
11. INCOME TAX COLLECTION BILL 1940.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Collection Act 1923–1938*.
Question—put and passed.
12. TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Blackburn 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 a later hour this day.
13. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT (WAR POWERS) BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Blackburn 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 a later hour this day.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL 1940.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 9.*

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 29th May, 1940.

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. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Spender 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. Spender, was adopted by the House.

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

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.

Mr. Spender moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES (No. 2) 1939-40.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 10.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 29th May, 1940.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

16. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES (No. 2) 1939-40.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That the following additional sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1939-40 for the services hereunder specified, viz. :—

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH—

The Department of Defence—Including War (1939) Services . . . £9,000,000

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

17. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) 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.

18. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

19. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES (No. 2) 1939-40.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Additional Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1939-40, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £9,000,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse 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. Spender, was adopted by the House.

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

20. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1939-40.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply an additional 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 and to appropriate such sum* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Spender moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

30th May, 1940.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1940-41.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 11.*

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 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-one.

Canberra, 29th May, 1940.

Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

22. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1940-41.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1940-41 a sum not exceeding £13,709,200.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

23. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) 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.

24. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

25. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1940-41.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1940-41, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £13,709,200.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse 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. Spender, was adopted by the House.

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

26. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1940-41.—Mr. Spender (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-one* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Spender moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Price 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 a later hour this day.

27. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8, Government Business.

28. COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1940.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, line 1 of the Title, leave out “ section fifty-two B of ”.

No. 2.—Page 1, after clause 1, insert the following new clause :—

“ 1A. After section fifty-one B of the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911–1933* the following section is inserted :—

‘ 51BA. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any term or condition on which a Treasury Bond, Debenture or other prescribed security is issued or sold, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Breach of terms or conditions of issue of Treasury Bonds.

Penalty : One hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months, or both, and, in addition, an amount equal to Ten per centum of the nominal value of the Treasury Bond, Debenture or other prescribed security in respect of which the offence is committed.’ ”.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), the Amendments were agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report.

29. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.

30. TRADE AGREEMENT (GREECE) BILL 1940.—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.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

31. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 7 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 9 and 10, Government Business.

32. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Forde 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 a later hour this day.

33. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

34. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1940.—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.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

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Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

35. INCOME TAX COLLECTION BILL 1940.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Income Tax Collection Act 1923-1938'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Spender moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Forde 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 a later hour this day.

36. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—GOLD MINING ENCOURAGEMENT BILL 1940.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

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 provide for Financial Assistance to the States for the Development of the Gold Mining Industry and to make Provision for and in relation to Refunds of Gold Tax.

Canberra, 29th May, 1940.

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. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States for the Development of the Gold Mining Industry and to make Provision for and in relation to Refunds of Gold Tax.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Spender 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. Spender, was adopted by the House.

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

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.

Mr. Spender moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Green 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 a later hour this day.

37. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 17, Government Business.

38. MOTOR VEHICLES AGREEMENT BILL 1940.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Curtin, viz. :—*That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the opportunity to manufacture motor-car chassis, including the engine, be afforded to more than one Australian company whose capital, structure and control are in accordance with section 6, sub-section (1.), paragraphs (a) and (b) of the *Motor Vehicle Engine Bounty Act 1939*, and that immediate steps be taken to amend the proposed Agreement between the Commonwealth and Australian Consolidated Industries Limited to give effect to the foregoing ; and, furthermore, that in the event of more than one Australian company being established for the said purpose, the number of engines and the total amount of bounty payment be reviewed"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Curtin asked leave to withdraw his amendment.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Collins	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Price
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Green	Mr. Spender
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Street
Mr. James	Mr. Ward
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. George Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gardner

Noes, 15.

Mr. Anthony
Mr. Badman
Mr. Cameron
Mr. Dedman
Mr. Fadden
Mr. Gregory
Mr. McEwen
Mr. Nock
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Rankin
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Thorby

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Cameron proposing to move, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the question :—
“ provided that consideration of the manufacture of motor vehicle engines in Australia be deferred until such time as, in the opinion of Parliament (expressed by Resolution) arrangements have been made and proved to be effective to overcome the inadequacy of the war-time supply of munitions and aeroplanes, and to commence a programme of shipbuilding, so that Australia's maximum industrial effort in the production of the things most essential to win the war may not be impeded ”—

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that an amendment could not be moved to add words to the motion that a Bill be read a second time.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Collins	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Price
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scully
Mr. Francis	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gander	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Green	Sir Frederick Stewart
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Street
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 13.

Mr. Badman
Mr. Cameron
Mr. Dedman
Mr. Fadden
Mr. Gregory
Mr. McEwen
Mr. Nock
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Rankin
Mr. Thorby

Tellers:

Mr. Anthony
Mr. Hutchinson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Paterson moved, as an amendment, That the words “ on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent ” (page 1, lines 6-7) be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—
“ when, in the opinion of Parliament (expressed by resolution) arrangements have been made and proved to be effective to overcome the inadequacy of the war-time supply of munitions and aeroplanes, and to commence a programme of shipbuilding, so that Australia's maximum industrial effort in the production of the things most essential to win the war may not be impeded ”.

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Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Collins, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 39.		Nocs, 14.
Mr. Barnard	Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Anthony
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Badman
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Cameron
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Fadden
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Gregory
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Price	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Nock
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scully	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frost	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Gander	Mr. Spender	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr	Mr. Thorby
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward	Mr. Corser
Mr. James	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Jennings		
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson	
Mr. Makin		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Schedule—

On the motion of Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, omit paragraphs 11 and 12, insert the following paragraphs :—

11. That the Commonwealth will pay bounty in accordance with the provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Engine Bounty Act 1939* and that, in the event of more than one Australian company being established for the purpose of manufacturing motor vehicle engines and becoming eligible to receive payment of bounty under that Act, the Commonwealth will review the relevant provisions of that Act with a view to ensuring that the proposed company will be provided with the opportunity of obtaining payment of bounty on engines manufactured by it for the numbers specified in, and at rates in accordance with the provisions of, section eight of that Act.

12. That the Commonwealth will for a period of five years use its best endeavours to limit production of engines and chassis for motor vehicles of fifteen horse-power or over to companies in respect of which the Minister administering the *Motor Vehicle Engine Bounty Act 1939* is, in the exercise of all the powers conferred by section 6 of that Act, satisfied that paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-section (1.) of that section apply and which give undertakings satisfactory to the Commonwealth with respect to the following :—

- (a) Capital investment ;
- (b) Type of engine and chassis to be manufactured ;
- (c) Purchase of parts from established Australian manufacturers of motor vehicle parts ;
- (d) Number of engines and chassis to be produced annually ;
- (e) Support to Australian machine tool manufacturers ;
- (f) Use of bounty to give price concession to the Australian public ; and
- (g) Arrangements to ensure availability of technical information from other countries.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

39. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1940.—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.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twelve minutes past eight o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At ten o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 15 agreed to.

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New clause—

Mr. Makin moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“ 10A. Section forty-five w of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the first proviso to sub-section (2.), and inserting in its stead the following proviso :—

Consideration
of Appeals.

‘ Provided that if the appellant or a representative of the appellant makes out a *prima facie* case that the incapacity from which a member of the Forces is suffering or from which that member has died was caused or aggravated by some occurrence which happened to him after the commencement of his war service, the onus of proof that such incapacity was not in fact caused or aggravated by war service shall lie upon the Commission.’ ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Price
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins
Mr. James	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Lane	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Martens	Mr. Gander
Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. George Lawson

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nock
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Collins	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fairbairn	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Francis	Mr. Street
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Corser
Mr. Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McEwen	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Street (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

40. GOLD MINING ENCOURAGEMENT BILL 1940.—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.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Gregory proposing to move, as an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause :—

“ (3.) Where it is proved that the gold produced by a producer prior to the operation of this Act has been produced at a loss, a refund of the tax shall be made but not to any greater extent than to cover such loss.”—

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Jennings) ruled that such an amendment would not be in order as it involved additional appropriation.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10 agreed to.

Clause 11—

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, line 36, omit “ hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months ”, insert “ thousand pounds or imprisonment for two years ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Jennings reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 86), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

41. GOLD TAX COLLECTION BILL 1940.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 30th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Gold Tax Collection Act 1939 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Spender moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

42. INCOME TAX COLLECTION BILL 1940.—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.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

43. IMMIGRATION BILL 1940.—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.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 9 agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Nock (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

44. TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL 1940.—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—
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

45. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT (WAR POWERS) BILL 1940.—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—

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

46. WAYS AND MEANS—RABBIT SKINS EXPORT CHARGES.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) moved—

1. That a charge be imposed on all rabbit skins exported from the Commonwealth after a date to be fixed by Proclamation and on or before a date to be fixed by Proclamation as the date upon which the Act passed to give effect to this resolution shall cease to be in force.

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2. That the rate of charge be as prescribed by Regulations made under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, after report to the Minister by the Australian Rabbit Skins Board constituted under the *Rabbit Skins Export Charges Appropriation Act 1940*, but that the rate of charge do not in any case exceed ninepence for each pound of rabbit skins exported.

3. That the Governor-General may, from time to time, by order published in the *Gazette*, after report to the Minister by the Australian Rabbit Skins Board, exempt any rabbit skins from the charge imposed by or under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution.

4. That any such exemption may be unconditional or subject to such conditions, and shall apply in respect of such period (if any), as are specified in the order of exemption.

5. That where the Governor-General has, by order published in the *Gazette*, cancelled any such exemption, or where the period in respect of which any such exemption applies has expired, the charge imposed by the Act passed to give effect to this resolution shall, from the date fixed by the order, or from the expiration of the period of exemption, as the case may be, become payable in respect of the rabbit skins to which the exemption related.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Cameron 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. Cameron, was adopted by the House.

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

47. RABBIT SKINS EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1940.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to impose a Charge on the Export of Rabbit Skins*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Cameron moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Cameron, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

48. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RABBIT SKINS EXPORT CHARGES APPROPRIATION BILL 1940.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

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 relating to Charges on the Export of Rabbit Skins.

Canberra, 30th May, 1940.

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. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Charges on the Export of Rabbit Skins.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.

Mr. Cameron 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. Cameron, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Cameron 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. Cameron moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Cameron, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

49. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1940-41.—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.
Mr. Nock (Assistant Minister) 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 a later hour this day.
50. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 2nd July next, at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.
Question—put and passed.
51. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1940-41.—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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 84), the Bill was read a third time.

52. PAPUA BILL 1940.—Mr. Nock (Minister in charge of External Territories) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Papua Act* 1905-1934.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Nock 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. Nock moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Scullin 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.
53. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Petroleum Oil Search Act 1940* ”

“ *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1940* ”

“ *Post and Telegraph Rates (Defence Forces) Act 1940* ”

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 Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

54. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, as at 31st December, 1939 ; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1940—
No. 9—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 10—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
National Security Act—
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Taking possession of land, &c. (23).
Use of land (3).
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 86.

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New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1940—

No. 1—Appropriation (No. 2) 1939–1940.

No. 2—Administration and Probate.

No. 3—Copra.

No. 5—Police Force.

No. 7—Supply 1940–1941.

Papua Act—Ordinance of 1939—No. 11—Royal Papuan Constabulary.

55. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1938–39.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 15.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 30th May, 1940.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 16.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 30th May, 1940.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

56. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1938–39.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1938–39.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1938–39, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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The Parliament	11,078
The Prime Minister's Department	11,125
The Department of External Affairs	2,818
The Department of the Treasury	21,810
The Attorney-General's Department	14,978
The Department of the Interior	11,527
The Department of Defence	146,304
The Department of Supply and Development	1,202
The Department of Trade and Customs	2,588
The Department of Health	5,082
The Department of Commerce	4,811
Miscellaneous Services	184,912
War Services	3,757
Total Part I.	421,992

Part II.—Business Undertakings.

Commonwealth Railways	161,665
Postmaster-General's Department	579,776
Total Part II.	741,441

Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.

Northern Territory	18,497
Australian Capital Territory	9,801
Norfolk Island	1,400
Total Part III.	29,698
Total	1,193,131

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1938-39.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1938-39 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £91,368.

Questions—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

57. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) 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.
58. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), were adopted by the House.
59. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1938-39.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1938-39.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1938-39, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,193,131.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1938-39.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1938-39, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £91,368.

Questions—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Spender and Mr. Fadden do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

60. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1938-39.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A 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 thirty-nine* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Spender moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

61. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1938-39.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A 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 thirty-nine, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Spender moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty-two minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
Resumption of Sitting.—At half-past nine o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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62. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) 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 meeting.

Question—put and passed.

63. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1940.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1938 for the purpose of providing for the grant of pensions upon the death or incapacity of Members of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth whose death or incapacity arises in connexion with the war which commenced on the third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 9, lines 40-43, leave out all words after "amended", insert—

"(a) by inserting in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.), after the word 'operations,' the words 'or is not directly attributable to his employment as a member,' ; and

(b) by inserting after sub-section (7.) the following sub-section :—

'(7A.) On any submission to an Appeal Tribunal under the proviso to the last preceding sub-section, an appellant may be represented at his own expense in support of his submission by any person other than a legal practitioner.' "

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 11, lines 1-10, leave out all words after "amended", insert—

"by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :—

'(4.) For the purposes of sub-section (2.) of this section an appellant shall be deemed to have made out a *prima facie* case when he avers that the incapacity or death of the member of the Forces resulted from an occurrence happening during the period he was a member of the Forces or from his employment in connexion with naval or military preparations or operations or is directly attributable to his employment as a member of the Forces.' "

On the motion of Mr. Street (Minister for Repatriation), the Amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Street, the House adopted the Report.

64. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—GOLD MINING ENCOURAGEMENT BILL 1940.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States for the Development of the Gold Mining Industry and to make Provision for and in relation to Refunds of Gold Tax*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 4, clause 11, line 36, leave out "One thousand pounds or imprisonment for two years", insert "If the offence is prosecuted summarily, One hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months; if the offence is prosecuted upon indictment, One thousand pounds or imprisonment for two years".

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), the Amendment was agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report.

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

[*Loan Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th May, 1940.

[*Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1939-40*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply an additional 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 and to appropriate such sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th May, 1940.

[*Trade Agreement (Greece) Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Greece*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Sales Tax Exemptions Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935-1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 1) 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930-1936'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Motor Vehicles Agreement Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright (War Powers) Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright (War Powers) Act 1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Trading with the Enemy Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section three of the 'Trading with the Enemy Act 1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

30th and 31st May, 1940.

[*Gold Tax Collection Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Gold Tax Collection Act 1939’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

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

[*Income Tax Collection Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Income Tax Collection Act 1923–1938’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Rabbit Skins Export Charges Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose a Charge on the Export of Rabbit Skins* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Rabbit Skins Export Charges Appropriation Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Charges on the Export of Rabbit Skins* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Supply Bill (No. 1) 1940–41*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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-one* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1938–39*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

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 thirty-nine* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1938–39*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 36.

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 thirty-nine, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st May, 1940.

67. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 2nd July next, at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conelau, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McCall, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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

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