

1940.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 26.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1940.

- The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Earle Page rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity for substituting a plan of rationalisation of transport and of voluntary regulation of petrol consumption by and under the direction of the industries themselves, with a view to stopping the alarming growth of unemployment in the transport industry and consequent dislocation of the national economy and the national war effort, in the place of the Government's plan for the compulsory rationing of petrol to secure savings in Australia".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Sir Earle Page moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Sir Earle Page not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—  
Ordered—That the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Forde 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.  
Mr. Rosevear addressing the House—  
*Closure moved.*—Mr. Gander moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Green	Mr. Wilson
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahoney	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Maloney	
	<i>Tellers:</i>
	Mr. Gander
	Mr. George Lawson

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Mr. Anthony	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Badman	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Price
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Francis	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Street
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thorby
Mr. John Lawson	
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Corser
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Gardner

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

- PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Northern Australia Survey Act—Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia—Report of Committee for period ended 31st December, 1939.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of L. G. Alexander, Department of the Interior.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Heidelberg, Victoria.

7th August, 1940.

National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—  
Taking possession of land, &c. (15).  
Use of land (9).

Rabbit Skins Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 149.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
6. GOLD MINING ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (No. 2) 1940.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gold Mining Encouragement Act* 1940.  
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.  
Mr. Spender moved, by leave, 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 the next sitting.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1940.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 23.*

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 the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Raw Cotton.

Canberra, 6th August, 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 (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Raw Cotton.

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. 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 the next sitting.

8. WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX ASSESSMENT 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.)*

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Assistant Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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

\* On leave.

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