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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ISSUE OF AND RETURN TO WRIT (KALGOORLIE DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General a Return to the Writ which His Excellency had issued on the 17th October, 1940, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honorable Albert Ernest Green, and that, by the endorsement on the Writ, it was certified that Herbert Victor Johnson had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Herbert Victor Johnson, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. WAR IN MIDDLE EAST—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the successful progress of an action in the war in the Middle East.
5. 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.  
Question—put and passed.
6. 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 the remainder of this month.  
Question—put and passed.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1939-40.  
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 260.
8. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. I.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances .. .. .	£8,176
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be agreed to.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Rosevear be granted extensions of time (2).

General debate continued and concluded.

First item agreed to.

Remainder of Vote—"The Parliament, £149,600"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £637,400"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of External Affairs, £92,200"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £1,074,100"—

Progress 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.

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9. 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.

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.

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

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 5.*

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 sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Canberra, 20th November, 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. Fadden (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 sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

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

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1940.

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, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 6.*

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 Defence purposes.

Canberra, 21st November, 1940.

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

10th and 11th December, 1940.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Fadden (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 Defence purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden 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. Fadden, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. WAYS AND MEANS—WHEAT TAX (WAR-TIME).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) moved—

1. That a tax be imposed upon all wheat harvested in Australia on or after the first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one, which is acquired by the Commonwealth.

2. That the rate of tax per bushel of wheat be fifty per centum of the amount by which the price per bushel of wheat exceeds Three shillings and ten pence.

3. That the tax continue in force until six months after the termination of the present war between His Majesty the King and Germany and no longer.

4. That, for the purposes of this Resolution, "price" means such price as the Minister of State for Commerce, from time to time, by Order published in the *Gazette*, declares to be the average price free on board at Australian ports, from which wheat is usually exported, of wheat bagged in new cornsacks.

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. Anthony 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. Anthony, was adopted by the House.

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

13. WHEAT TAX (WAR-TIME) BILL 1940.—Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Wheat*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Anthony 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.*)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8.
15. WHEAT INDUSTRY (WAR-TIME CONTROL) 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 agreed to.  
Progress 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.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT INDUSTRY (WAR-TIME CONTROL) BILL 1940.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 7.*

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 amend the *Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Act 1939*.

Canberra, 28th November, 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. Anthony (Assistant Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Act 1939*.

Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.  
The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Anthony, by leave, was adopted by the House.

17. WHEAT INDUSTRY (WAR-TIME CONTROL) BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 2 to 6 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. WHEAT TAX (WAR-TIME) ASSESSMENT BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) 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. Anthony, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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19. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT RELIEF) BILL 1940.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 8.*

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 the purpose of making Grants to the States for the purpose of Drought Relief.

Canberra, 10th December, 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. Anthony (Assistant Minister) 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 the purpose of making Grants to the States for the purpose of Drought Relief.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Anthony 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. Anthony 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—

On the motion of Mr. Anthony, the clause was omitted, and the following clause inserted in place thereof :—

“ 3. The amount payable to each State under this Act shall be such amount as the Governor-General determines :

Provided that no determination under this section shall be made until after the Minister has conferred with State Ministers respectively representing each of the six States concerning the amounts to be paid under this Act to the States.”

Clause 4 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

20. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (DROUGHT RELIEF) 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 be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be loaned to, and the Payment of Moneys to, certain States for the Purposes of Drought Relief.

Canberra, 5th December, 1940.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be loaned to, and the Payment of Moneys to, certain States for the Purposes of Drought Relief.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Anthony 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. Anthony 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.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

21. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—APPLE AND PEAR (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. 10.*

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 the Purpose of repaying to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Advances made for the Purposes of the National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations.

Canberra, 4th December, 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. Anthony (Assistant Minister) 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 the Purpose of repaying to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Advances made for the Purposes of the National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

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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. Anthony, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WIRE NETTING 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. 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 amend the *Wire Netting Bounty Acts 1939*.

Canberra, 29th November, 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. Harrison (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 amend the *Wire Netting Bounty Acts 1939*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Harrison 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 a later hour this day.

23. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That the number of Members appointed to serve on the Standing Orders Committee be increased to nine, and that Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Makin and Sir Earle Page be Members of that Committee; three to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

24. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Coles, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Rosevear be Members of the Library Committee; three to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

25. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Francis, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Price and Mr. Watkins be Members of the House Committee; three to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

26. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Mr. Beck, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Falstein, Mr. McCall, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Rankin and Mr. Ryan be Members of the Printing Committee; three to form a quorum, with power to confer with a similar Committee of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

27. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1936*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.:—Mr. Badman, Mr. James, Mr. Jolly, Mr. Martens, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Stacey.

Question—put and passed.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At five minutes to six o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

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28. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.
29. **PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House at two o'clock p.m. that day.  
Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
30. **SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Progress 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.

31. **PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.**—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of the First Session of the Sixteenth Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 10th December, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—  
Mr. Speaker,  
I desire to thank you for the Address in Reply, which you have just presented to me.  
It will afford me much pleasure to convey to His Most Gracious Majesty The King the message of loyalty from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia to which the Address gives expression.
32. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Taxation—Twenty-second Report of Commissioner, dated 1st November, 1940, together with Statistical Appendices.
33. **WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (NO. 1), AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).**—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

**CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).**

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-first day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twelfth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939 as so amended.

**IMPORT DUTIES.**

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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**DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.**

122. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(A) Textile articles n.e.l., including materials cut into shape therefor - - - - - ad val. And in respect of sub-item (A)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - - - - ad val. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(B) Felt articles n.e.l., including materials cut into shape therefor - - - - - ad val.”	22½ per cent.	42½ per cent.	47½ per cent.
	.3 per cent.	.3 per cent.	.3 per cent.”
	40 per cent.	60 per cent.	60 per cent.”



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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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**Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—*continued.***

122—*continued.*

By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(b) Cotton material of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of pneumatic rubber tyres, viz. :—

(1) Cotton cord fabric and cotton tyre fabric in the piece, being loosely woven or consisting of a number of lengths of cotton cord loosely held together by weft threads inserted at intervals ad val.

5 per cent.

25 per cent.

25 per cent.

(2) Cotton cord, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val.

5 per cent.

25 per cent.

25 per cent.

And in respect of sub-item (b)—  
On and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—

(b) Cotton material of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of pneumatic rubber tyres, viz. :—

(1) Cotton cord fabric and cotton tyre fabric in the piece, being loosely woven or consisting of a number of lengths of cotton cord loosely held together by weft threads inserted at intervals ad val.

5 per cent.  
½d.

25 per cent.  
½d.

25 per cent.  
½d.

(2) Cotton cord, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val.

5 per cent.  
½d.

25 per cent.  
½d.

25 per cent.  
½d.”

130. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—

“ 130. Canvas and duck—

(A) Waterproofed by treatment with any substance—to be dutiable at the rates which, were it not for the waterproofing treatment, would otherwise apply under sub-item (b), and, in addition

per square yard

1d.

1d.

1d.

(B) Not waterproofed by treatment with any substance—

(1) Cotton or containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates—

(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws—

(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured

per square yard or ad val.

½d.  
5 per cent.

1½d.

2½d.

whichever rate returns the lower duty.

(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured

per square yard or ad val.

½d.  
5 per cent.

1½d.

3d.

whichever rate returns the lower duty.

(3) Printed, dyed or coloured

per square yard or ad val.

½d.  
5 per cent.

2d.

3½d.

whichever rate returns the lower duty.

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—*continued.*130—*continued.*(b)—*continued.*(1)—*continued.*And in respect of sub-paragraph (a)—  
On and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—

(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws

per square yard

1½d.

5d.

0½d.

And in respect of sub-paragraph (a) (second time occurring)—

For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—

An additional duty of - - ad val.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent.

(b) Otherwise - - per lb. and ad val.

4d.  
30 per cent.11d.  
50 per cent.1s. 1d.  
50 per cent.

And in respect of sub-paragraph (b)—

For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—

An additional duty of - - ad val.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent.

(2) Other - - ad val.

5 per cent.

25 per cent.

25 per cent."

## DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (12) of sub-item (m).  
By omitting the whole of paragraph (93) of sub-item (m)  
and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(93) Drilling Machines, vertical, equipped with feeds operated by mechanical as distinct from hand power, exceeding nine-sixteenths inch drilling capacity in mild steel or with maximum speed in excess of 5,000 r.p.m. - - ad val.

Free

15 per cent.

15 per cent.”

176. By omitting the whole of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—

“(o) Lifting jacks - - - each or ad val.

5s. 6d.

6s. 6d.

7s. 6d.

25 per cent.

45 per cent.

65 per cent.

whichever rate returns the higher duty.

And in respect of sub-item (o)—

For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—

An additional duty of - - each or ad val.

½d.

½d.

½d.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent.

whichever is applicable.”

IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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**Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—*continued.***

177. By adding a new sub-paragraph (d) to paragraph (3) of sub-item (B) as follows :— “(d) Cylinder sleeve assemblies, pistons and piston assemblies - ad val.	25 per cent.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.
And in respect of sub-paragraph (d)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - ad val.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.”
208. By omitting the whole of sub-item (j). By adding a new sub-item (κ) as follows :— “(κ) Cooking stoves and cooking ranges designed to function on the heat storage principle but not including cooking stoves and cooking ranges using gas or electricity - - ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent.	47½ per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (κ)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - ad val.	.4 per cent.	.5 per cent.	.5 per cent.”
219. By adding a new sub-item (ϕ) as follows :— “(ϕ) Files - - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	22½ per cent.	22½ per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (ϕ)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - ad val.	.7 per cent.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.”

**DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**

289. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Glycerine - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (A)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - ad val.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.”

**DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.**

291. By omitting the proviso to sub-item (L).			
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**DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.**

371A. By omitting the whole item.			
373. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “373. (A) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the personal or official use of the diplomatic representative in Australia of any foreign country or for the use of his family and members of his staff, provided such members are citizens of the country represented - - -	Free	Free	Free

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>Division XVI.—Miscellaneous—<i>continued.</i></b>			
373— <i>continued.</i>			
(B) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of a consular representative in Australia of any foreign country and declared as being for such official use, provided the consular representative is a citizen of the country he represents and is not engaged in any other trade or profession; articles owned and imported by such consular representative or by members of his staff, provided the articles are imported within six months of the arrival of the official concerned or within such further time as the Minister may allow - - -	Free	Free	Free
(C) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of the High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia of the United Kingdom, the High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia of a British Dominion, or the official representative in the Commonwealth of Australia of any British possession (provided the official representative is a citizen of the country he represents) and declared as being for such official use; articles owned and imported by such High Commissioners or official representatives or by members of their staffs, provided the articles are imported within six months of the arrival of the official concerned or within such further time as the Minister may allow - - -	Free	Free	Free
(D) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of a trade commissioner of any British or foreign country and declared as being for such official use, provided the trade commissioner is a citizen of the country he represents and is not engaged in any other trade or profession; articles owned and imported by such trade commissioner or by members of his staff, provided the articles are imported within six months of the arrival of the official concerned or within such further time as the Minister may allow - - -	Free	Free	Free
(E) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of representatives in Australia of British possessions or foreign countries who are not citizens of the country they represent, and declared as being for such official use, subject to the approval of the Minister - - -	Free	Free	Free."
397. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “(1) Of the type known as Chinese crackers; sparklers; Bengal lights (also referred to as Bengal matches) ad val.	20 per cent.	37½ per cent.	37½ per cent.
And in respect of paragraph (1)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - - ad val.	.6 per cent.	.7 per cent.	.7 per cent."

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>Division XVI.—Miscellaneous—continued.</b>			
399. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 399. Fire brigade and life saving appliances, n.e.i., as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	10 per cent.”
418. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (1) Barographs; barometers and barometer movements; calorimeters; cathetometers; dividing engines for graduating bars, tubes and circles; kymographs and time markers; dial micrometers; hygrometers; microtomes; spherometers; thermostats; microscopical, mineralogical and blow pipe cabinets (fitted); mercury vacuum pumps; viscosimeters; vacuum ovens for laboratories; drawing, mathematical and surveying instruments n.e.i., but not including tripods ad val.	Free	20 per cent.	20 per cent.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twelfth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939* as so amended.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
<b>DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.</b>	
By inserting after Item 157 the following :— “ Ex. 176. (o) Lifting jacks - - - - - each - - - - - or ad val. - - - - - whichever rate returns the higher duty.	6s. 6d. 25 per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (o)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - - - - each - - - - - or ad val. - - - - - whichever is applicable.”	½d. .8 per cent.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That on and after the twelfth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1939* be amended as follows :—

- by omitting “ 130 (A) ” and “ 130 (B) (1) (b) ” ;
- by omitting “ 289 (A) ”.

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff 1921-1939*, as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-first day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twelfth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff 1921-1939* as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
10. By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows :— “ (D) Articles for the personal or official use of the diplomatic representative in Australia of any foreign country, provided the articles are owned by such representative prior to clearance for home consumption - - - - -	Free ”.

Progress 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.

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34. TREASURY BILLS BILL 1940.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Treasury Bills Act 1914-1915*.  
Question—put and passed.
35. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 3 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 3, lines 19-20, omit from paragraph (g) all the words after the words "item 35A," insert "sub-items (2) and (3) of item 36 and item 38 ;" and the following paragraphs :—

" (ga) by omitting from item 39 the letters ' , n.e.i., ' (wherever occurring) ;

" (gb) by omitting items 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 51B ; "

Page 3, line 21, omit " 51, ".

Page 3, lines 26-27, omit " , Division XII. and item 95 ", insert the following paragraphs :—

" (ja) by omitting from sub-item (2) of item 81 the word ' Pedal ' ;

" (jb) by omitting Division XII. ;

" (jc) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-item (1) of item 91 the words ' cement, lime, ' ;

" (jd) by omitting item 95 ;

" (je) by omitting from item 100 the letters ' , n.e.i., ' (wherever occurring) ; "

Page 3, after paragraph (g) insert the following paragraph :—

" (ga) by omitting from sub-item (3) of item 120 the words ' covered by sub-item (1) of this item ' ; "

Page 5, item 15 of proposed Second Schedule, omit sub-item (3.).

Page 6, omit item 23 of proposed Second Schedule.

Page 12, sub-item (1.) of item 18 of proposed Third Schedule, omit paragraph (d), insert the following paragraph :—

" (d) devices for practising games, sports or exercises, but not including clothing and footwear. "

Page 12, sub-item (1.) of item 18 of proposed Third Schedule, second line of the last paragraph, omit " and " (first occurring), insert " or ".

Page 12, item 20 of proposed Third Schedule, at the end of sub-item (2.), add " , of a kind used for household purposes. "

Page 13, item 25 of proposed Third Schedule, omit " Printed matter, viz. :— ".

Clause 9, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

" 11. Notwithstanding anything contained in this or any other Act, where any registered person is required to pay sales tax in respect of the sale by retail of goods covered by any item or sub-item in the Schedule to the Principal Act, which were purchased or imported by him, prior to the commencement of this Act, without the quotation of his certificate, sales tax shall not be payable on so much of the sale value of those goods as exceeds the amount which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, would be the fair market value of those goods if sold by that person by wholesale. "

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

36. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1940.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Export Bounty Act 1939*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Harrison 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. Harrison moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.  
Question—put and passed.
37. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (No. 2) 1940.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " An Act to amend the ' Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1939 ', as amended by the ' Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1940 ' ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

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Mr. Collins (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Collins moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

38. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1940.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922–1939’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

Message No. 4.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

Mr. Collins (Assistant Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Collins moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

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

[*States Grants Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

Message No. 5.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

[*Defence Equipment Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Defence purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

Message No. 6.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

40. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1936*, the following Senators have been appointed Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz. :—Senator C. H. Brand, Senator W. J. Cooper, and Senator C. A. Lamp.

Message No. 7.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

41. WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRESENTATION OF PAPER.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action proposed to be taken following the report and recommendations of the Committee appointed to inquire into the proposal to impose a special war-time tax upon companies, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of War-time (Company) Tax Committee, 11th December, 1940.

42. WIRE NETTING BOUNTY BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 53) the Bill was read a third time.

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43. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MORGAN-WHYALLA WATERWORKS AGREEMENT 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 ratify and approve an Agreement made between The Commissioner of Water Works of the State of South Australia and the Commonwealth of Australia.

Canberra, 11th December, 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. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to ratify and approve an Agreement made between The Commissioner of Water Works of the State of South Australia and the Commonwealth of Australia.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden 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. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

44. TREASURY BILLS BILL 1940.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Treasury Bills Act 1914–1915 ’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Fadden 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.

45. SALES TAX PROCEDURE BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fadden (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.

46. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 1A) 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fadden (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.

47. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1940–41.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Vote—“ The Department of the Treasury, £1,074,100 ”—debated and agreed to.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—



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Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department, £234,600"—debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"The Department of the Interior, £462,100"—debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"The Department of Defence Co-ordination, £97,600"—debated.  
Progress 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.

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

[*Wheat Tax (War-time) Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Wheat*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

[*Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Act 1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

[*Wheat Tax (War-time) Assessment Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Wheat*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

[*Loan (Drought Relief) Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be loaned to, and the Payment of Moneys to, certain States for the Purposes of Drought Relief*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

[*States Grants (Drought Relief) Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of making Grants to the States for the purpose of Drought Relief*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

[*Apple and Pear (Appropriation) Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the Purpose of repaying to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Advances made for the Purposes of the National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1940.

[*Wire Netting Bounty Bill 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wire Netting Bounty Acts 1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 12th December, 1940, a.m.

10th, 11th and 12th December, 1940.

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49. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Bounty on two-wheel tractors.

Rubber thread.

Silk and artificial silk piece goods, hand printing of.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

50. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past eleven o'clock a.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

51. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to three o'clock a.m., adjourned until this day at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Evatt and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*