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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

THURSDAY, 3RD JULY, 1941.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER RESTRICTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the restriction on the use of paper in the production of catalogues, price lists and similar advertising matter relating to the sale and distribution of goods.
3. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Calwell raised a question of Privilege, in that the publication in the press of speeches delivered in the House by certain honorable Members had been subjected to censorship, and that the protest he had made in the House on the matter had also been censored.
Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), Mr. Beasley and Mr. Cameron addressed themselves to the question raised.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Conelan, Chairman, brought up the Third 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, recommend that the following be printed:—

Papua—Report for year 1939-40.

Superannuation Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1939-40.

W. P. CONELAN,
Chairman.

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Mr. Conelan moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

5. OIL PROSPECTING IN NEW GUINEA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Collins (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the refusal of applications for permission to prospect for oil in Uncontrolled Areas in New Guinea.
Mr. Ward, by leave, also made a Statement on the subject.
6. SUPPLY OF AUSTRALIAN FOODSTUFFS TO UNITED KINGDOM—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper:—
Supply of Australian Foodstuffs to United Kingdom—Heads of Agreement between United Kingdom and Australian Governments—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
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.
7. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to examine current expenditure defrayed out of moneys voted by the Parliament for the Defence Services and other Services directly connected with the war and to report what, if any, economies consistent with the execution of the policy decided on by the Government may be effected therein.
 - (2) That the following Members of the House of Representatives, Mr. Badman, Mr. Beck, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jolly, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCall, Mr. Mulcahy, and Mr. Paterson be appointed to serve on such Committee.

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- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
- (a) the Committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to examine;
 - (b) the Committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament; and have leave to report from time to time the evidence taken;
 - (c) the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, and any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report;
 - (d) five members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee and three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee;
 - (e) the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote;
 - (f) the Committee have power, in cases where considerations of National Security preclude the publication of any recommendations and of the arguments on which they are based, or both, to address a memorandum to the Prime Minister for the consideration of the War Cabinet, but, on every occasion when the Committee exercises this power, the Committee shall report to the Parliament accordingly; and
 - (g) a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that three Members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee and that one of those Members be appointed as the Chairman of the Committee.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph (3) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following sub-paragraph in place thereof:—

“(e) the Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee and shall have a deliberative vote only;”.

Debate continued.

Mr. Beasley asked leave to withdraw his amendment.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Motion amended by Mr. Menzies, by leave, by omitting sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph (3) and inserting the following sub-paragraph:—

“(e) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and in other matters a deliberative vote only;”.

Debate continued.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

8. SOCIAL SECURITY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into and, from time to time, report upon ways and means of improving social and living conditions in Australia and of rectifying any anomalies in existing legislation.
- (2) That the following Members of the House of Representatives, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Ryan be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) Mr. Perkins be the Chairman of the Committee;
 - (b) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament; and have leave to report from time to time the evidence taken;
 - (c) the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, and any member of the Committee may add a protest or dissent to any report;
 - (d) three members of the Committee constitute a quorum;
 - (e) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and in other matters a deliberative vote only; and
 - (f) a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that two Members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee.

Question—put and passed.

9. PROFITS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into—
 - (a) methods of restricting or controlling profits or prices; and
 - (b) the question whether any or what alterations should be made in the existing methods of taxing profits.
- (2) That the following Members of the House of Representatives, Mr. Clark, Mr. Marwick, Mr. Price and Mr. Watkins be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament; and have leave to report from time to time the evidence taken;
 - (b) the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, and any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report;

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- (c) three members of the Committee constitute a quorum ;
- (d) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and in other matters a deliberative vote only ; and
- (e) a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that two Members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee and that one of those Members be appointed as the Chairman of the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

10. BROADCASTING—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon wireless broadcasting within and from Australia, with particular reference to the following questions :—
 - (a) Should any and what change be made in the existing laws and practices relating to the control of broadcasting ?
 - (b) Are the services now provided by the Australian Broadcasting Commission and commercial broadcasting stations adequate, and if not, in what respects should they be improved ? and
 - (c) Should any, and if so what, improvements be made in the wireless broadcasting of news within and from the Commonwealth ?
- (2) That the following Members of the House of Representatives, Mr. Calwell, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Price and Mr. Riordan be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament ;
 - (b) the Committee make its report within three months, and any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to that report ;
 - (c) three members of the Committee constitute a quorum ;
 - (d) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and in other matters a deliberative vote only ; and
 - (e) a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that two Members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee and that one of those Members be appointed as the Chairman of the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

11. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into the effects of the war on the marketing of Australian primary produce, and on the economic condition of the Australian rural industries.
- (2) That the following Members of the House of Representatives, Mr. Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Scully and Mr. Wilson be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) Mr. Francis be the Chairman of the Committee ;
 - (b) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament ; and have leave to report from time to time the evidence taken ;
 - (c) the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, and any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report ;
 - (d) five members of the Committee constitute a quorum ;
 - (e) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and in other matters a deliberative vote only ; and
 - (f) a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that four Members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee.

Question—put and passed.

12. RE-EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action being taken for the re-absorption of labour displaced by Government policy, and laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—

Re-employment Problems—Ministerial Statement by the Minister for Labour and National Service, 3rd July, 1941—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

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.

13. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—

No. 13—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association and Others ; Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia ; Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association ; Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia ; and Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

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No. 14—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 15—Australian Postal Electricians' Union ; Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association ; and Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 141.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 127.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Elizabeth Bay, New South Wales.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of reservation of certain lands near Katherine.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Notices of Motion, General Business.

15. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS ACT—MAINTENANCE PROVISIONS.—Mr. James moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House paragraph (fb) of section seventeen, and paragraph (h) of sub-section (1.) of section twenty-two of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* should be repealed, or, failing that, the concessions that applied to relatives under section fifty-two M, until that section was repealed by Act No. 1 of 1935, should be allowed to parents or relatives of invalid pensioners or applicants for the invalid pension.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That all words after " be " (second occurring) be omitted with a view to inserting in place thereof the words " submitted to the Joint Committee on Social Security for investigation and report ".

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Badman	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Beck	Mr. Paterson
Sir George Bell	Mr. Price
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Coles	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Collins	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Francis	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Marwick	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Guy

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Mr. Baker	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Breen	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scully
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Martens
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Motion amended by Mr. James, by leave, by omitting all words after " repealed " (first occurring) and inserting the following words in place thereof :— " and that adequate maintenance be considered as £2 10s. per week for each dependant of the family ".

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz. :—That in the opinion of this House paragraph (fb) of section seventeen, and paragraph (h) of sub-section (1.) of section twenty-two of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* should be repealed, and that adequate maintenance be considered as £2 10s. per week for each dependant of the family—be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Breen	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scully
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
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Mr. Coles	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Collins	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Francis	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Marwick	Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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17. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Jolly withdrew Notice of Motion No. 3, General Business, standing in his name.

18. DISALLOWANCE OF REGULATIONS.—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to notice, That Statutory Rules 1940, No. 269, being amendment of the National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations made under the *National Security Act 1939-1940*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

[*National Fitness Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to National Fitness* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 3rd July, 1941.

[*War Expenditure—Joint Committee*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate, having considered Message No. 59 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith, viz. :—

- (1) That the Senate agrees to the appointment of a Joint Committee to examine current expenditure defrayed out of moneys voted by the Parliament for the Defence Services and other Services directly connected with the war and to report what, if any, economies consistent with the execution of the policy decided on by the Government may be effected therein.
- (2) That Senators Ashley, Clothier, and A. J. McLachlan be appointed to serve on such Committee with Members of the House of Representatives.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) Senator A. J. McLachlan be the Chairman of the Committee ;
 - (b) the Committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members ; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to examine ;
 - (c) the Committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament ; and have leave to report from time to time the evidence taken ;
 - (d) the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, and any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report ;
 - (e) five members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee and three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee ;
 - (f) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and in other matters, a deliberative vote only ; and
 - (g) the Committee have power, in cases where considerations of National Security preclude the publication of any recommendations and of the arguments on which they are based, or both, to address a memorandum to the Prime Minister for the consideration of the War Cabinet, but, on every occasion when the Committee exercises this power, the Committee shall report to the Parliament accordingly.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,

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[*Social Security—Joint Committee*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate, having considered Message No. 60 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith, viz. :—

- (1) That the Senate agrees to the appointment of a Joint Committee to inquire into and, from time to time, report upon ways and means of improving social and living conditions in Australia and of rectifying any anomalies in existing legislation.
- (2) That Senators Cooper and Keane be appointed to serve on such Committee with Members of the House of Representatives.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament ; and have leave to report from time to time the evidence taken ;
 - (b) the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, and any member of the Committee may add a protest or dissent to any report ;
 - (c) three members of the Committee constitute a quorum ;

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- (d) the Member of the House of Representatives appointed by that House to be the Chairman of the Committee be the Chairman of the Committee; and
- (e) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and, in other matters, a deliberative vote only.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

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[*Profits—Joint Committee*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

The Senate, having considered Message No. 61 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith, viz. :—

- (1) That the Senate agrees to the appointment of a Joint Committee to inquire into—
 - (a) methods of restricting or controlling profits or prices; and
 - (b) the question whether any and what alterations should be made in the existing methods of taxing profits.
- (2) That Senators Armstrong and Spicer be appointed to serve on such Committee with Members of the House of Representatives.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) Senator Spicer be the Chairman of the Committee;
 - (b) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament; and have leave to report from time to time the evidence taken;
 - (c) the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, and any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report;
 - (d) three members of the Committee constitute a quorum; and
 - (e) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and, in other matters, a deliberative vote only.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

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[*Broadcasting—Joint Committee*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate, having considered Message No. 62 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith, viz. :—

- (1) That the Senate agrees to the appointment of a Joint Committee to inquire into and report upon wireless broadcasting within and from Australia, with particular reference to the following questions:—
 - (a) Should any and what change be made in the existing laws and practices relating to the control of broadcasting?
 - (b) Are the services now provided by the Australian Broadcasting Commission and commercial broadcasting stations adequate, and if not, in what respects should they be improved? and
 - (c) Should any, and if so what, improvements be made in the wireless broadcasting of news within and from the Commonwealth?
- (2) That Senators Amour and Gibson be appointed to serve on such Committee with Members of the House of Representatives.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) Senator W. G. Gibson be the Chairman of the Committee;
 - (b) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament;
 - (c) the Committee make its report within three months, and any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to that report;
 - (d) three members of the Committee constitute a quorum; and
 - (e) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and, in other matters, a deliberative vote only.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

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[*Rural Industries—Joint Committee*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate, having considered Message No. 63 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith, viz. :—

- (1) That the Senate agrees to the appointment of a Joint Committee to inquire into the effects of the war on the marketing of Australian primary produce, and on the economic condition of the Australian rural industries.

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- (2) That Senators Aylett, Herbert Hays, Johnston and Uppill be appointed to serve on such Committee with Members of the House of Representatives.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
- (a) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament; and have leave to report from time to time the evidence taken;
 - (b) the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, and any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report;
 - (c) five members of the Committee constitute a quorum;
 - (d) the Member of the House of Representatives appointed by that House to be the Chairman of the Committee be the Chairman of the Committee; and
 - (e) in matters of procedure, the Chairman of the Committee have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and, in other matters, a deliberative vote only.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

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20. LAPSE OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 5, General Business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under Standing Order No. 102, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.
21. LAPSE OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 6, General Business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under Standing Order No. 102, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.
22. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 7, General Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
23. DISALLOWANCE OF REGULATIONS.—Mr. Blackburn moved, pursuant to notice, That Statutory Rules 1941, No. 69, being amendment of the National Security (General) Regulations made under the *National Security Act 1939-1940*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed for General Business having expired—

Ordered—That the consideration of General Business be continued.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Scully
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Ward
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Martens
Mr. Makin	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Paterson
Sir George Bell	Mr. Price
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Marwick	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Guy
Sir Earle Page	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

24. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.
25. DISALLOWANCE OF REGULATIONS.—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to notice, That Statutory Rules 1941, No. 75, being amendment of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations made under the *National Security Act 1939-1940*, be disallowed.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and negatived.
26. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.
- Question—put and passed.
27. DISALLOWANCE OF REGULATIONS.—Mr. Dedman moved, pursuant to notice, That Statutory Rules 1941, No. 132, being amendment of the National Security (Guarantee) Regulations made under the *National Security Act 1939-1940*, be disallowed.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.

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The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 4TH JULY, 1941.

28. **UNIFORM TAXATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the recent Premiers' Conference in Canberra when the Commonwealth Government submitted proposals for greater uniformity of taxation informed the House of the approximate financial results of the year 1940-41, and indicated the outlook for the current year.
29. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.**—Mr. Fadden (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.
30. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes past two o'clock a.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter, as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Curtin, Mr. Lawson, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Riordan, and Mr. White.

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