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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 3rd July last.—
Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE J. G. DRAKE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 1st instant, of the Honorable J. G. Drake, and moved, That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of the Honorable James George Drake, a former Member of the Senate of the Commonwealth Parliament and a former Minister of State, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. DEATH OF MR. J. D. MILLEN.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 1st instant, of Mr. J. D. Millen, and moved, That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of Mr. John Dunlop Millen, a former Member of the Senate of the Commonwealth Parliament, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE J. B. RONALD.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 27th July last, of the Honorable J. B. Ronald, and moved, That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of the Honorable James Black Ronald, a former Member of this House and a Member of the first Commonwealth Parliament, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
GOWRIE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 35.*
A Proposed Law intituled " *National Fitness Act 1941* " as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.
Government House,
Canberra, 4th July, 1941.
6. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND PROPOSAL THAT PRIME MINISTER SHOULD VISIT LONDON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in which he informed the House of the terms of the Joint Declaration made by the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the President of the United States of America, and reviewed developments in certain zones in which Australia was specially interested. Mr. Menzies also informed the House of a proposal that he should visit London to represent Australia at meetings of the British War Cabinet, and stated the circumstances which would permit his going. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Recent Developments in International Affairs and Proposal that Prime Minister should visit London—Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister, 20th August, 1941—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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7. **WITHDRAWAL OF STRANGERS.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) having taken notice that strangers were present—
 Question—That strangers be ordered to withdraw—put and passed.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker stated that honorable Senators would be regarded as strangers but that the House could invite them to remain.
 Mr. Menzies then moved, That honorable Senators be invited to remain.
 Question—put and passed.
 Ordered, after debate—That officers of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff withdraw.
Suspension of Sitting.—At five minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
Resumption of Sitting.—At ten o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
 Ordered—That strangers be admitted.
8. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—
 Declarations Nos. 52-62.
 Declarations (Papua) Nos. 4-5.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 181.
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—
 No. 16—Amalgamated Engineering Union.
 No. 17—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.
 No. 18—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.
 No. 19—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.
 No. 20—Amalgamated Engineering Union; Australasian Society of Engineers; Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen; Australian Workers' Union; Boilermakers' Society of Australia; and Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- Canberra University College—Report for 1940.
 Child Endowment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 180.
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Civil Aviation—N. H. Cranstoun, A. F. Ison, J. Shaw.
 Labour and National Service—T. C. Graham.
 Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
 Beeswax; Calcium Silicide (dated 2nd July, 1941).
 Rubber Tyres and Tubes, used; Rubber Waste (dated 2nd July, 1941).
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 153, 154, 155, 163, 165, 166.
 Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 152.
 Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Return for year 1940-41.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—
 For Defence purposes—
 Albany, Western Australia.
 Balmoral, New South Wales.
 Bankstown, New South Wales.
 Braybrook, Victoria.
 Busselton, Western Australia.
 Carnarvon, Western Australia.
 Cunderdin, Western Australia.
 Greta, New South Wales.
 Maribyrnong, Victoria.
 Orange, New South Wales.
 Parkes (near), New South Wales (2).
 Pat's River, Flinders Island, Tasmania.
 Pontville, Tasmania.
 Queenscliff, Victoria.
 Rocklea, Queensland.
 Swanbourne, Western Australia.
 Townsville, Queensland.
 Villawood, New South Wales.
 Williamstown, New South Wales.
 For Postal purposes—
 Irvinebank, Queensland.
 Melbourne, Victoria.
- Motor Industry Bounty Act—Return for year 1940-41.
 Motor Vehicle Engine Bounty Act—Return for year 1940-41.
 National Security Act—
 National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations—Order—Aliens Restriction (Fishing Vessels and other Small Craft).

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National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

- Control of lights.
- Control of Overseas Communications (otherwise than by post).
- Control of Overseas Postal Communications (No. 1).
- Control of Overseas Postal Communications (Prisoners of War) (2).
- Inventions and designs (173).
- Prohibited place and protected area.
- Prohibited places (22).
- Prohibiting work on land (3).
- Protected area.
- Taking possession of land, &c. (65).
- Use of land (21).

National Security (Medical Co-ordination and Equipment) Regulations—Order—Control of Medical Equipment (No. 1).

National Security (Prices) Regulations—

Orders Nos. 327-417.

Orders (Papua) Nos. 5-9.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 146, 147, 149, 150, 151, 159, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 184, 185, 186, 188, 190, 194, 195.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 187.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 128, 129, 143, 164.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1941—

- No. 1—Forsyth Prize Fund Trust.
- No. 2—Motor Traffic.
- No. 3—Limitation (Emergency Provisions).
- No. 4—Workers' Compensation.
- No. 6—Appropriation (No. 2) 1940-1941.
- No. 7—Customs.
- No. 8—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
- No. 9—Mortgagors' Relief.
- No. 10—Police Offences.
- No. 11—Stamp Duties.
- No. 12—Supply 1941-1942.
- No. 13—Customs Tariff.
- No. 14—Land.

Northern Australia Survey Act—Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia—Report of Committee for period ended 31st December, 1940.

Papua Act—Infirm and Destitute Natives' Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees for year 1940-41.

Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for year 1940-41.

Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year 1940-41.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act - Regulations—1941—

No. 4 (Canberra Community Hospital Ordinance).

No. 5 (Advisory Council Ordinance).

Ship Bounty Act—Return for year 1940-41.

Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1940-41.

Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 161, 182.

War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 162, 183.

Wine Export Bounty Acts—Returns (2) for year 1940-41.

Wire Netting Bounty Act—Return for year 1940-41.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 167.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. Jolly.

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