

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 37.

THURSDAY, 21st AUGUST, 1941.

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. DEATH OF VISCOUNT STONEHAVEN.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 20th instant, of Viscount Stonehaven, a former Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and moved, That this House records its profound regret at the death of the Right Honorable Viscount Stonehaven, P.C., G.C.M.G., a former Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and expresses its deep sympathy with Viscountess Stonehaven and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. ABBCO BREAD CONTRACT—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
Abbco Bread Contract—Report of Royal Commission—
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 the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
New Guinea—Report to Council of League of Nations on Administration of Territory of New Guinea for year 1939-40.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1940-41.
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 157.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 158, 191.
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 156.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Amberley, Queensland.
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Eighteenth Annual Report, for year 1940-41.
National Security Act—
Butter and Cheese Acquisition Regulations—Order—Acquisition.
National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Apple and Pear Acquisition 1940-1941.
National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—New South Wales, Queensland (3), South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria.
Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 198.
Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1940-41.
5. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND PROPOSAL THAT PRIME MINISTER SHOULD VISIT LONDON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 20th instant*], viz. :—
Recent Developments in International Affairs and Proposal that Prime Minister should visit London—Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister, 20th August, 1941—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Motion withdrawn, by leave.
Debate continued.
Mr. Fadden 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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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1941-42.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 36.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

Canberra, 20th August, 1941.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

7. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1941-42.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1941-42 a sum not exceeding £11,576,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1941-42.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1941-42, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £11,576,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fadden, was adopted by the House.

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

9. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1941-42.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-two*", 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Calwell addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until two o'clock p.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at two o'clock p.m.

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

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.