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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 68.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1942.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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. 57.*
A Proposed Law intituled " *Loan Act 1942* " 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, 9th March, 1942.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Falstein presented a Petition from certain electors of the Division of Watson, praying that enemy aliens, whether naturalized or not, be interned immediately.
Petition received and read.
4. VISIT OVERSEAS OF MR. EVATT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the visit overseas on a special mission of the Minister for External Affairs and Attorney-General (Mr. Evatt). Mr. Curtin announced that during Mr. Evatt's absence the Minister for Supply and Development would act as Attorney-General and the Prime Minister would act as the Minister for External Affairs.
5. ADVISORY WAR COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) had been sworn in as a member of the Advisory War Council.
6. PROGRESS OF WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 25TH MARCH, 1942—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing the progress of the war and informing the House of certain arrangements made in connexion with the control of the allied forces in Australia. Mr. Curtin then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Progress of War—Ministerial Statement, 25th March, 1942—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Fadden (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.
7. BROADCASTING—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Sir Charles Marr, Deputy Chairman, brought up the Report from the Joint Committee on Wireless Broadcasting, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
8. SOCIAL SECURITY—JOINT COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORTS.—Mr. Barnard, Chairman, brought up the Second and Third Interim Reports from the Joint Committee on Social Security, and moved, That the Papers be printed.
Question—put and passed.
9. AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES IN DISTANT CENTRES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to allegations of the posting to distant military centres of inadequately trained members of the Australian Military Forces between the ages of eighteen and twenty.
10. APPOINTMENT OF MR. CASEY AS MINISTER OF STATE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
Documents relating to appointment of His Majesty's Australian Minister at Washington (Right Honorable R. G. Casey) as Minister of State of the United Kingdom.
Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the appointment.

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Mr. Calwell moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. James addressing the House—

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

11. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 106.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day :—

That Senator Aylett be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Rural Industries.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th March, 1942.

12. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, " The operation of the National Security (Mobilization of Services and Property) Regulations, Statutory Rules 1942, No. 77 ".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Fadden moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

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

13. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
National Security Act—

National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Notice—Fixing date of commencement.

National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Notice—Fixing date of commencement of sub-regulation 13 (1).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 46.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1942—

No. 10—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 Amalgamated Engineering Union.

No. 11—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 12—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia; Plumbers and Gasfitters Employees' Union of Australia; and Vehicle Builders Employees' Federation of Australia.

Child Endowment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 131.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 123.

Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Copra; Jams; Jellies, fruit; Oil, coco-nut; Pigments and goods containing pigments; and Rubber in all forms and manufactures wholly or partly of rubber (dated 6th March, 1942).

Drugs, Chemicals and Medical Proprietarys (dated 12th March, 1942).

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 95, 116, 117.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 119.

Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 75.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—

For Administrative purposes—Tennant Creek, Northern Territory.

For Defence purposes—

Busselton, Western Australia.

Darwin, Northern Territory.

Fairfield, Victoria.

Laverton, Victoria.

Salisbury, South Australia.

Smithfield, South Australia.

Spencers Brook, Western Australia.

Tamworth, New South Wales.

Tottenham, Victoria.

Ulverstone, Tasmania.

Uranquinty, New South Wales.

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- For Postal purposes—
 Clyde, Victoria.
 Drummoyne, New South Wales.
 Nowra, New South Wales.
 South Yarra, Victoria.
 Toorak, Victoria.
- National Security Act—
 National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Orders—
 Declaration of pastoral companies.
 Exemption.
- National Security (Coal Control) Regulations—Order—Coal Control.
- National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Orders—
 Exemptions (4).
 Fixing of interest rates.
- National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—New South Wales, Queensland (2) and South Australia.
- National Security (Field Peas Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Field Peas (Tasmania) Acquisition.
- National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 Control of—
 Aluminium.
 Bitumen.
 Boot Nails and Boot Nailing Machines.
 Bristles.
 Cleaning Materials.
 Cordage Cotton.
 Cotton Materials.
 Fibres and Jute Goods (2).
 Hand Tools.
 Leather.
 Lights.
 Motor Cycle Spare Parts.
 Motor Vehicle Spare Parts.
 Raw Silk.
 Rubber (3).
 Timber (2).
 Tinplate (2).
 Tomatoes.
 Toothbrush Handles.
 Woollens.
- Controlled area.
 Inventions and designs (147).
 Prohibited place.
 Prohibiting possession of firearms.
 Requisitioning of Binoculars (2).
 Taking possession of land, &c. (144).
 Use of land (18).
- National Security (Liquid Fuel) Regulations—Orders—
 Liquid Fuel (Prohibited Fuels).
 Liquid Fuel (Return of Heavy and Light Drums).
- National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—
 Protected undertakings (18).
 Regulation of engagement of employees—Exemption.
- National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders—
 Deferment of banking business (5).
 Restrictions on building (3).
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 72, 73, 74, 78, 79, 89, 90, 91, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 124, 127, 128, 129, 130.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 94, 118.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 122.
- Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 93.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinance—1942—No. 8—Liquor (Suspension of Special Permits).
- Supply and Development Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 115.
- Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 96.
14. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—
 (1) That Mr. Pollard be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Rural Industries.
 (2) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.
 Question—put and passed.
15. PROFITS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—
 (1) That Mr. Clark be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Profits.
 (2) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.
 Question—put and passed.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.

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17. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1939, as proposed to be amended by the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fifth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the twenty-sixth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to summer time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1939 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
6. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B).	—

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Development) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Blain, Mr. Collins, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Johnson, Sir Earle Page, and Mr. White.

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