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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 78.

THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 1942.

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. WEARING OF COLOUR PATCHES BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the decisions made relating to the wearing of colour patches on uniforms by members of the Australian Imperial Force and of the Australian Military Forces.
3. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—  
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.  
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1942.—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.)*

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. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING BILL 1942.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Price 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. WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1942.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to leave given on the 30th April, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Widows' Pensions, and for other purposes*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Sir Frederick Stewart 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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE BILL 1942.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Excise Act 1901-1934’*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 14th May, 1942.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. Beasley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. Duncan-Hughes reported accordingly.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
10. ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF WAR ORGANIZATION OF INDUSTRY—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. Dedman (Minister for War Organization of Industry), That the Paper [*presented on the 29th April*], viz. :—  
Activities of Department of War Organization of Industry—Ministerial Statement be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Ordered—That Mr. Spooner be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Anthony be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
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.

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

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill 1942*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908–1941’ , and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 14th May, 1942.

[*Maternity Allowance Bill 1942*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Maternity Allowance Act 1912–1937’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 14th May, 1942.

[*Child Endowment Bill 1942*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 112.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Child Endowment Act 1941’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 14th May, 1942.

[*Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) 1942*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 113.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the following Bills :—

- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1941’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930–1941’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930–1941’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930–1941’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930–1941’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1941’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930–1941’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930–1941’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930–1941’* ” ;

and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

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[*Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1942*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 114.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1941 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

12. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Taxation Proposals—Report of the Committee of Senators and Members appointed to consider the Estate Duty Assessment Bill and the Gift Duty Assessment Bill.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir George Bell, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Coles, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lazzarini, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Martens, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page\*, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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