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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 85.

TUESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 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. SUBMARINE ATTACK, SYDNEY HARBOUR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the attempt made on Sunday and Monday last by enemy submarines to damage shipping in Sydney Harbour.
3. BROCHURE ISSUED TO AMERICAN TROOPS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lawson (Minister representing the Minister for Information), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Department of Information was not associated with the brochure issued to visiting American troops by the Australian-American Co-operation Movement.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1942—No. 23—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Williamtown, New South Wales.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 - Inventions and designs (124).
 - Taking possession of land, &c. (53).
 - Use of land (31).
 - National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (13).
 - National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 23-25.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1942.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 120.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Widows' Pensions, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate, with the amendments indicated by the Schedule annexed.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House in the amendments made by the Senate.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd June, 1942.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1942.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 67.

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 any amendments to be made upon Request by the Senate in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Widows' Pensions, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 27th May, 1942.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of any amendments to be made upon Request by the Senate in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Widows' Pensions, and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Holloway, by leave, was adopted by the House.

7. WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1942.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 7, clause 18, line 24, leave out "or later than the pay day next succeeding the date", insert "or later than the due date of the first instalment of pension after the date,".

No. 2.—Page 8, after clause 21 insert the following new clause :—

" 21A. If a successful claimant of a pension is an inmate of a benevolent ^{Benevolent} ~~asylum~~ ^{asylum} ~~inmates~~ ^{inmates}, or if a pensioner becomes an inmate of a benevolent asylum, she shall not, so long as she remains an inmate of such an asylum, be entitled to receive a pension at the maximum rate but shall, subject to this Act, be entitled to receive a pension at a rate determined in accordance with this Act, but not in any case exceeding Twenty-two pounds two shillings per annum."

No. 3.—Page 9, clause 29, line 37, after "date" insert "or later than the due date of the first instalment of allowance after the date,".

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services), the Amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway, the House adopted the Report.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

9. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING 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.

Ordered—That Sir Charles Marr be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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.)

Clause 1—

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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1942.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beck, Sir George Bell, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Coles, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McCall, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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