

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 91.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 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. DEATH OF SENATOR E. B. JOHNSTON.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 6th instant, of Senator E. B. Johnston, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator Edyard Bertram Johnston, a representative of the State of Western Australia, and formerly a member of the Western Australian Parliament, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.

And Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Marwick having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.

3. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the sitting was thereupon suspended until half-past five o'clock p.m.
4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At half-past five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 84.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1942* "
- " *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Act 1942* "
- " *Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Validation Act 1942* "
- " *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Validation Act 1942* "
- " *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation 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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 4th September, 1942.

6. REPATRIATION COMMITTEE.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) announced that Mr. Harrison had resigned from the Repatriation Committee and that Mr. McDonald had been appointed to fill the vacancy.
7. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Canteens—Report of Board of Inquiry appointed under National Security (Inquiries) Regulations.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1942—No. 32—
Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—

For Defence purposes—Deer Park, Victoria.

For Postal purposes—Southport, Queensland.

National Security Act—

National Security (Army Inventions) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (4).

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Inventions and designs (259).

Taking possession of land, &c. (283).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 376.

9th and 10th September, 1942.

8. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MISSION OVERSEAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1942—
MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the
debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented*
on the 3rd instant], viz. :—

International Affairs—Mission Overseas—Ministerial Statement, 3rd September, 1942—
be printed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Calwell 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY. 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1942.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Blain*, Mr.
Falstein, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Jolly, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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