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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 94.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH 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. CITRUS FRUITS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Development), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the securing of supplies of citrus juices for the Defence Forces and the provision of citrus fruit for the civilian population.
3. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—FIFTH PROGRESS REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Chairman, brought up the Fifth Progress Report from the Joint Committee on Rural Industries, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - National Security Act—National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations—Notice—Returns of vegetable seeds.
 - Superannuation Act—Report of the third quinquennial investigation of the Superannuation Fund, covering period to 31st December, 1939.
 - Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 - The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
 - Calves' vells; Rennet (dated 25th June, 1942).
 - Coffee; Rice; Phenol formaldehyde moulding powders and goods wholly or, partly manufactured therefrom; Goods manufactured wholly or in part of synthetic resin (dated 2nd September, 1942).
 - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 363.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—For defence purposes—
 - Point Cook, Victoria.
 - Williamtown, New South Wales.
 - Nationality Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 382.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (Fertilizer Control) Regulations—Order—Fertilizer (Restriction of sales).
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 - Arrowroot flour.
 - Bread control (South Australia), and (Victoria).
 - Bread industry (New South Wales), (Queensland), (Tasmania), (Victoria), and (Western Australia).
 - Control of—
 - Cleaning agents.
 - Clothing (Feminine outerwear), (Knitted outerwear), (Knitted underwear), (Male outerwear), (Men's half hose), and (Women's, maids' and children's hosiery).
 - Elastic materials.
 - Essential articles (Materials) (3).
 - Highways.
 - Leather goods.
 - Liquor (2).
 - Materials (Clothing and other goods) (5).
 - Packages.
 - Retail delivery of commodities (2).
 - Sale of meat (2).
 - Woven woollen materials (Civil needs).

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Dry cleaning industry.
 Employment of outdoor selling agents (South Australia).
 Laundry industry.
 Milk vendors (Geelong), (South Australia), and (Tasmania).
 Prohibited places (3).
 Prohibiting work on land (23).
 Prohibition of non-essential production (10).
 Protected areas.
 Taking possession of land, &c. (464).
 Use of land (87).
 Wholesale butter trade control (South Australia).
 National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 5, 6.
 National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (76).
 National Security (Potatoes) Regulations—Order—No. 7.
 National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—Order—Prisoners of war camp.

5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
 Question—put and passed.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS BILL 1942.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 86.*

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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

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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.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.
 Question—put and passed.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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 a later hour this day.

7. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ASSESSMENT 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.

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8. STATES GRANTS (ENTERTAINMENTS TAX REIMBURSEMENT) 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.
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 (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see page 402*), the Bill was read a third time.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 4th instant (*see pages 396–397*).
Motion agreed to.
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. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL 1942.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to impose Tax upon Payments for Admission to Entertainments*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Chifley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—

The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£8,660
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be agreed to.

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

Debate continued.

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.

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12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) 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—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Blain*, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Frost, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Makin, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McCall, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.