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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 104.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 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 BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
GOWRIE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 90.*
Proposed Laws intituled :—
“ *Appropriation Act 1942-43* ”
“ *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1942-43* ”
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, 3rd October, 1942.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT BILL 1942.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 156.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to Encourage and Regulate the Employment of Women for the purpose of aiding the Prosecution of the present War* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.
The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd October, 1942.
4. DAIRYING INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decisions reached by the Government for improving the conditions of and giving assistance to the dairying industry.
5. POST OFFICE SECRECY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lawson (Minister representing the Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement conveying to the House the reply of the Postmaster-General to suggestions that the contents of a telegram recently read in the House may have become available owing to employees in the Post Office having failed to observe the departmental instructions relating to secrecy.
6. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) made a Ministerial Statement regarding the Business of the House.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 8th September, 1942 (Statutory Rules 1942, No. 409).
National Security Act—
National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Order—Military powers during emergency.
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Bread control (South Australia).
Bread industry (New South Wales).
Control of retail delivery of commodities.
Milk vendors (South Australia).
Prohibited place.
Prohibiting work on land (2).
Taking possession of land, &c. (132).
Use of land (9).
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942—Nos. 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 410, 411, 412.
Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1941-42.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1942—No. 8 (Weights and Measures Ordinance).
War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1941-42, together with statements and balance-sheet.

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8. WAR SERVICE ESTATES BILL 1942.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act Relating to the Estates of Deceased Members of the Naval, Military and Air Forces of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Evatt 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER ADOPTION 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 by Mr. Hughes, who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ Bill ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ be referred to an all-Party Committee of the House for report as to the urgency of its passage under the present circumstances of war ”.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Brennan be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Breen	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Conelan
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Martens

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beck	Mr. Paterson
Sir George Bell	Mr. Price
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Beck	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Breen	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Coles	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spooner
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Mr. Guy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Conelan
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Martens

Noes, 7.

Sir George Bell
Mr. Cameron
Mr. Harrison
Mr. Price
Mr. Prowse
<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Anthony
Mr. Hutchinson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to two 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. Badman, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Marwick, Mr. McCall, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Stacey, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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