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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 120.

THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
3. LEAVE TO SOLDIERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the period of leave given to certain soldiers who served in New Guinea.
4. ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for War Organization of Industry), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the proposals of the Government for granting assistance to University students.
5. CORNSACKS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in relation to the control by the Australian Wheat Board of the importation and distribution of cornsacks for wheat and barley.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1943—No. 6—
Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on application made by the State of Tasmania for further assistance in 1942-43 from the Commonwealth under section 96 of the Constitution.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL 1943.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 97.*

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 moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

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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 moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

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.

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Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Scully 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 the next sitting.

8. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1943.—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 Mr. Spooner 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

10. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1943.—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.

Mr. Wilson 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain*, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. McCall, Mr. Scullin*, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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