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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 137.

FRIDAY, 26TH MARCH, 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. PRICE CONTROL OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement surveying the operations of price control on leading primary products.
3. ALLEGED MISUSE OF OFFICIAL MOTOR CARS—STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Shipping), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the withdrawal made and the apology submitted by the newspaper which had alleged the misuse by him of official motor cars.
4. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE 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. Menzies moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted so as to provide for preference to former members of the Forces in the Service of the Commonwealth, of all authorities set up under Commonwealth law and of all contractors with the Commonwealth."
Mr. Rosevear was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1943.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 183.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1941', 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, 26th March, 1943.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1943.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 184.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940-1942'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th March, 1943.

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

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7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—Brisbane, Queensland.
 National Security Act—
 National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Control of ice (Queensland).
 National Security (Universities Commission) Regulations—Order—Numbers of students to
 be assisted.
8. 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.
9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence
 for one month be given to the Right Honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Scullin), on the ground of
 ill-health.
 Question—put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at eight minutes to three 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. Badman,
 Mr. Barnard, Sir George Bell, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Breen, Mr. Corser, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Guy, Mr. James,
 Mr. Jolly, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Scullin*, Mr. Scully, Mr. Stacey, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White*, and
 Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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