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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 144.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1943.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1942-43*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 187.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three and to appropriate such sum*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th June, 1943.

[*Loan Bill (No. 2) 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 188.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th June, 1943.

[*Tasmania Grant Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 189.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th June, 1943.

3. 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. 113.*

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“*Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1942-43*”

“*Loan Act (No. 2) 1943*”

“*Tasmania Grant Act 1943*”

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, 29th June, 1943.

4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.

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5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.  
Question—put and passed.
6. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Calwell, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
7. TASMANIA AND THE WAR—ECONOMIC EFFECTS—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the action taken by the Government to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Inquiry appointed to investigate the economic position of Tasmania as affected by conditions arising from the war.
8. THE LATE ACTING FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT V. P. BRENNAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the retention by the late Acting Flight-Lieutenant V. P. Brennan, D.F.C., D.F.M., of his acting rank on transfer from the Royal Air Force to the Royal Australian Air Force.
9. ALLEGED MISSING DOCUMENT—ROYAL COMMISSION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Honorable C. J. Lowe, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, had been appointed a Royal Commissioner to inquire into and report upon certain matters in connexion with a statement by the Minister for Labour and National Service that an important document relating to defence plans was missing from the official files.  
Mr. Ward (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
10. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Johnson, Deputy Chairman, brought up a Statement of cases where, for considerations of national security, memorandums have been addressed by the Committee to the Prime Minister for the consideration of the War Cabinet.
11. MALARIA PREVENTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the precautions being taken to protect the civilian population against malaria.  
Sir Earle Page, by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
12. TALKING PICTURES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the exhibition in Australia of certain talking pictures recently taken which presented the opinion of one side of the House only.  
Mr. McEwen asked leave to make a Statement in connexion with the matter. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
13. PRIVILEGE—TALKING PICTURES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. McEwen raised a Question of Privilege in that the film company, which recently took moving pictures of the proceedings of the House for exhibition overseas, by making and displaying in Australia sound films of the nature now being shown, had not observed the conditions under which approval was given.  
Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) and Mr. Nairn addressed the House on the question raised.  
Sir Earle Page moved, That the company producing the talking film in which only one side of the House speaks is guilty of contempt of this Parliament.  
*Point of Order.*—A Point of Order having been raised as to whether it was in order for the debate to proceed—  
*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that under the Standing Orders a motion of Privilege was given precedence.  
Debate on motion ensued.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Beck	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Price
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Francis	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Holt	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Hutchinson	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. McCall	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Marwick
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Stacey

Noes, 32.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Coles	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Conelan
Mr. James	Mr. Martens

And so it was negatived.

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14. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 National Security Act—National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations—Notice—Returns of vegetable seeds.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—  
 Colac, Victoria.  
 Ulverstone, Tasmania.  
 National Security Act—  
 National Security (Agricultural Machinery) Regulations—Orders—Agricultural machinery (2).  
 National Security (Egg Industry) Regulations—Orders—Egg industry (4).  
 National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Orders—Military powers during emergency (2).  
 National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—Queensland.  
 National Security (General) Regulations—  
 By-laws—Controlled area.  
 By-laws and Order—Controlled and protected area.  
 Orders—  
 Control of—  
 Canned vegetables.  
 Collapsible tubes.  
 Highways.  
 Prohibited places (4).  
 Prohibiting work on land.  
 Taking possession of land, &c. (163).  
 Use of land (23).  
 Vegetable seeds.  
 Orders by State Premiers—Queensland, Western Australia.  
 Rules—National Security (Representation before Compensation Boards).  
 National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—  
 Order—Internment camp.  
 Rules—Camp (7).  
 National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Order—Western Australia (No. 5).  
 National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Order—Regulation of engagement of employees—Exemptions.  
 National Security (Stevedoring Industry) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 16–19.  
 National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations—Order—Fixing date of regulations of sale of seeds.  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 160, 162, 163.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notices of Motion, Government Business.
16. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS (RECIPROCITY WITH NEW ZEALAND) BILL 1943.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for Reciprocity in relation to Invalid and Old-age Pensions between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Holloway 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. Holloway moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 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. Riordan reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Holloway, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
17. INCOME TAX (WAR-TIME ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 1943.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act 1942*.  
 Question—put and passed.
18. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1943.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1942*.  
 Question—put and passed.

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19. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL 1943.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Blackburn moved, as an amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to the clause :—

“(d) by inserting the following definition :—

‘ In this Act, “ Australia ” does not include any Territory of the Commonwealth other than the Northern Territory ’.”.

Debate continued

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, 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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, 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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, 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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

25. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, 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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

26. DAIRYING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1943.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the granting of Assistance to the Dairying Industry with the object of aiding the Prosecution of the War, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Scully 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.

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Mr. Scully moved, by leave, 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.

27. INCOME TAX (WAR-TIME ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 1943.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act 1942*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

28. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1943.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1942*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

29. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1941-42.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 114.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 30th June, 1943.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 115.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 30th June, 1943.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

30th June, 1943.

30. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1941-42.—  
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1941-42.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1941-42, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

	£
Parliament .. .. .	17,949
Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	8,621
Department of External Affairs .. .. .	41,116
Department of the Treasury .. .. .	139,821
Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	15,777
Department of the Interior .. .. .	16,748
Defence and War (1939-41) Services—	£
Department of Defence Co-ordination .. .. .	528,839
Department of the Navy .. .. .	} 24,865,607
Department of the Army .. .. .	
Department of Air .. .. .	
Department of Munitions .. .. .	
Department of Aircraft Production .. .. .	
Department of Supply and Development .. .. .	398,895
Other War Services .. .. .	2,054,708
Other Administrations—Recoverable Expenditure .. .. .	3,502,296
	31,350,345
Less amounts provided under other votes which remained unexpended at close of year .. .. .	13,312,292
	18,038,053
Less amount chargeable to Loan Fund .. .. .	16,538,328
	1,499,725
Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .	1,775
Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	3,377
Department of Health .. .. .	3,166
Department of Commerce .. .. .	10,532
Department of Social Services .. .. .	21,341
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	162,772
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	1,492,724
War (1914-18) Services .. .. .	3,945
	3,439,389

Part II.—Business Undertakings.

Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	360,815
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	421,481
	782,296

Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.

Northern Territory .. .. .	56,127
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	10,455
Papua .. .. .	1,202
Norfolk Island .. .. .	1,595
	69,379
Total .. .. .	4,291,064

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1941-42.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1941-42 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £279,507. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

30th June, 1943.

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31. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
32. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Badman, Sir George Bell, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Corser, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Guy, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White\*, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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