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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

FRIDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1943.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMONWEALTH POWERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proposals to extend the powers of the Parliament of the Commonwealth to enable the problems of post-war reconstruction to be dealt with effectively.
3. "PAY-AS-YOU-EARN" TAXATION PLAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the intention of the Government to appoint a special Parliamentary Committee to examine the "pay-as-you-earn" taxation plan and alternative proposals.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 233.
 - Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Seventeenth Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, for year 1942–43, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 - Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1942–43, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 - Meat Export Control Act—Eighth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1942–43, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 - Prohibited places (2).
 - Taking possession of land, &c. (128).
 - Use of land (5).
 - National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (38).
 - National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—Rules—Camp.
 - Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1942–43, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
5. COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1943.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 7th October, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911–1940'*", 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.

(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. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. ALLEGED MISSING DOCUMENT RELATING TO DEFENCE PLANS—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 28th September*], viz. :—
 - Alleged Missing Document relating to Defence Plans—Report of Royal Commission—be printed—
 Debate resumed.
 Ordered—That Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) be granted an extension of time.

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

Debate continued.

Sir Earle Page moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Sir Earle Page 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.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Appropriation Bill 1943-44*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

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 service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th October, 1943.

[*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1943-44*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

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 service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate that sum*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th October, 1943.

[*Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1940*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th October, 1943.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 4th October, 1943.

National Security Act—

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.

National Security (Food Control) Regulations—Order—No. 1.

National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (116).

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Martens, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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