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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1944.

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. "PAY-AS-YOU-EARN" TAXATION—LEGAL OPINION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Solicitor-General had not given a legal opinion on the matter of a lag in payment of income tax, and that the opinion by Professor K. H. Bailey was given in January last.
3. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Vice-Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
4. CHANGES IN HIGHER ARMY COMMAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of certain changes which had been approved in higher Army Command.
5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at twelve o'clock noon.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 50.  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1944—No. 8—  
Victorian Public Service Association; Public Service Association of South Australia;  
and Tasmanian Public Service Association.  
Lands Acquisition Act and National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Order—Land  
acquired for Commonwealth purposes—Katoomba, New South Wales.  
National Security Act—  
National Security (General) Regulations—  
Orders—  
Control of trailer manufacture (No. 3).  
Prohibited places (3).  
Taking possession of land, &c. (49).  
Use of land (3).  
Order by State Premier—New South Wales (No. 45).  
National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (84).  
National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (36).  
National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 1414-1470.  
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 51.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), for Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.  
Question—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12, Government Business.

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9. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL 1944.—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.  
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 to 4 agreed to.  
Clause 5 debated and agreed to.  
Clauses 6 to 13 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1944.—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.  
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.)*

Clause 1—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1944.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 16.*

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942-1943*.

Canberra, 25th February, 1944.

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. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942-1943*.

Question— put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.  
The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Evatt, by leave, was adopted by the House.

12. WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1944.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Clause 1 agreed to.  
Remainder of 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. Evatt (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL 1944.—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.  
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 to 11 agreed to.  
Clause 12 debated and agreed to.  
Clause 13 agreed to.  
*Proposed new clause—*

Sir Frederick Stewart moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“ 8A. Section forty-five of the Principal Act is repealed.”.

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 40.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Spender	Mr. Breen	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Anthony	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Dame Enid Lyons		Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser	Mr. Clark	Mr. Morgan
Sir Earle Page	Mr. Guy	Mr. Coles	Mr. Mulcahy
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Fuller	
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan 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.

14. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1944.—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.

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 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 17 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL 1944.—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.

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. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 105), the Bill was read a third time.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1943-44.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 17.*

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 Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 23rd March, 1944.

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

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17. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1943-44.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) moved, That the following additional sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1943-44 for the services hereunder specified, viz. :—

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

VII.--Defence and War (1939-43) Services	£
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.	10,000,000

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mountjoy, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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