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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 37.

THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1944.

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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1944.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 22.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1943 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th March, 1944, a.m.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Brushware.
Control of bristles (No. 2).
Prohibited places (2).
Taking possession of land, &c. (38).
Use of land (11).
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ERECTION OF NEW HOSTEL, CANBERRA.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report :—Canberra, Australian Capital Territory—Erection of a new Hostel.
Mr. Lazzarini having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
5. UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Menzies, viz. :—*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all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted so as to provide for an equitable scheme of unemployment and sickness benefits on a contributory basis ”—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Sir Frederick Stewart be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Harrison be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.

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Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. James	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Breen	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Cameron	Mr. White
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin	Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy	Sir Earle Page	
Mr. Coles	Mr. Pollard		
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan		
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Fuller			
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Martens		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (b) in the definition of "income":—

"(ba) in relation to a person qualified to receive unemployment benefit or sickness benefit, any payment not exceeding One pound five shillings per week made under the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1943* in respect of a pension other than a special pension; or".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Breen	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Coles	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Sir Earle Page		Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	
		Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Holloway	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

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Clause 18 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Breen	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Martens
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 12.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Rankin	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 19 to 21 agreed to.

Clause 22 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 23 and 24 agreed to.

Clause 25 debated and agreed to.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Clause 26 agreed to.

Clause 27 debated and agreed to.

Clause 28 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 29 to 34 agreed to.

Clause 35 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 36 to 41 agreed to.

Clause 42 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 43 and 44 agreed to.

Clause 45 debated and agreed to.

Clause 46 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 47 and 48 agreed to.

Clause 49 debated and agreed to.

Clause 50 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 51 to 53 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOCIAL SECURITY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day:—

That Senator Cooper be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Social Security.

GORDON BROWN,
President.The Senate,
Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL 1944.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1940-1943'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.The Senate,
Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FORESTRY BUREAU BILL 1944.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Forestry Bureau Act 1930–1932’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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

[*Loan Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

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.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

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 Invalid and Old-age Pensions* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Entertainments Tax Assessment Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1942’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Entertainments Tax Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Entertainments Tax Act 1942’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,

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GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Commonwealth Employees’ Compensation Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Commonwealth Employees’ Compensation Act 1930’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Widows’ Pensions Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Widows’ Pensions Act 1942–1943’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908–1943’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Supply and Development Bill 1944]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to the duration of the 'Supply and Development Acts 1939'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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GORDON BROWN,
President.

10. EXCISE TARIFF REBATE BILL 1944.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for a Rebate of certain Duties of Excise.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Evatt 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. Evatt 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. Evatt, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—BAERAMI SHALE OIL PROPOSAL.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Baerami Shale Oil Proposal.
Question—put and passed.
12. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL 1944.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 3 to 6 agreed to.
Clause 7—

Sir Earle Page moved, That the clause be omitted, and the following clause inserted in place thereof:—
"7. For the purposes of this Act, the expression 'pharmaceutical benefits' means the right of every person entitled to claim such benefits to be supplied with all such medicines, drugs, prescribed materials, and prescribed appliances as are ordered for that person or for any member of his family by any medical practitioner in the course of providing any medical benefits or other benefits in accordance with this Act."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Cameron	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Sir Earle Page	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Rankin	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Lawson
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause :—

“(c) approved serums and vaccines.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 27 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

13. MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL 1944.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) 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.*)

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

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty minutes past four o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At half-past ten o'clock a.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1944-45 [No. 2].—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

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 grant and apply a 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-five.

Canberra, 30th March, 1944.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

15. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1944-45 [No. 2].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the service of the year 1944-45 a sum not exceeding £51,959,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Forde 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. Forde, was adopted by the House.

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16. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1944-45 [No. 2].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1944-45, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £51,959,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Forde, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Forde and Mr. Frost do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

17. SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1944-45 [No. 2].—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a 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-five* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Forde moved, 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. Forde, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) on the 28th March, viz. :—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	10,000,000

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

19. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1943-44.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) moved, That, towards making good the Additional Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1943-44, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £10,000,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Evatt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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20. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1943-44.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A 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-four, and to appropriate such sum* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Lazzarini moved, 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. Martens reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

[Wheat Subsidy Bill 1944]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Granting of Assistance to Wheat-growers* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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GORDON BROWN,
 President.

[Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Bill 1944]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Act 1939-1940 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 31st March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

[Wheat Tax (War-time) Repeal Bill 1944]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to repeal the ‘ Wheat Tax (War-time) Act 1940 ’ and the ‘ Wheat Tax (War-time) Assessment Act 1940 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 31st March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

22. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1942-43.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

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-three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 23rd March, 1944.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

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-three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 23rd March, 1944.

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

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23. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1942-43.—
The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1942-43.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1942-43, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

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

	£
Parliament	13,112
Prime Minister's Department	36,084
Department of External Affairs	19,739
Department of the Treasury	254,144
Attorney-General's Department	13,790
Department of the Interior	4,306
Defence and War (1939-42) Services—	£
Department of Defence	16,327
Department of the Navy	
Department of the Army	
Department of Air	
Department of Munitions	
Department of Aircraft Production	
Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces	110,660,896
Department of Supply and Development	5,482,002
Department of Home Security	37,483
Other War Services	6,597,672
Other Administrations—Recoverable Expenditure	6,819,440
	129,613,820
Less amount provided in <i>Appropriation Act (No. 2)</i> 1942-43	119,500,000
	10,113,820
Less amounts provided under other war votes which remained unexpended at close of year ..	7,072,706
	3,041,114
Less amount chargeable to Loan Fund	3,041,114
	5,970
Department of Civil Aviation	5,866
Department of Trade and Customs	5,952
Department of Health	19,561
Department of Commerce	42,516
Department of Social Services	136,330
Miscellaneous Services	24,254
War (1914-18) Services	581,624
Total Part I.	581,624
<i>Part II.—Business Undertakings.</i>	
Commonwealth Railways	251,441
Postmaster-General's Department	1,089,933
Total Part II.	1,341,374
<i>Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>	
Northern Territory	20,625
Australian Capital Territory	27,047
Norfolk Island	1,000
Total Part III.	48,672
Total	1,971,670

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1942-43.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1942-43 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £413,872.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

30th and 31st March, 1944.

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Lazzarini 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, were adopted by the House.

24. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1942-43.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1942-43.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1942-43, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,971,670.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1942-43.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1942-43, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £413,872.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Evatt do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

25. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1942-43.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, 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. Martens reported accordingly.

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

26. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1942-43.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, 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. Martens reported accordingly.

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

27. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.
28. LAPSE OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under Standing Order No. 102, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.

30th and 31st March, 1944.

29. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL 1944.—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 and agreed to.
Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

30. FORESTRY BUREAU BILL 1944.—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.
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. Martens reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

31. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-third Report, for year 1942-43.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of goods—Nos. 593, 594.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Use of land.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, Nos. 52, 54, 55.

32. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) 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.

33. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) 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.

34. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT.—Mr. Forde (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Standing Committee of Privileges :—
Report relating to Censorship of Members' Correspondence, together with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee.

Mr. Cameron moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

[*Supply Bill (No. 1) 1944-45 [No. 2]*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a 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-five*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

30th and 31st March, 1944.

[*Excise Tariff Rebate Bill 1944*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for a Rebate of certain Duties of Excise*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1943-44*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

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-four, and to appropriate such sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1942-43*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1942-43*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 31st March, 1944.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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

And then the House, at twenty minutes past six 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. Beasley, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Mountjoy, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Spender.

*On leave.

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

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MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 31st March, 1944 :—

ASSENT TO BILLS.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 21.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Income Tax Assessment Act 1944* ”
- “ *Loan Act 1944* ”
- “ *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1944* ”
- “ *Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1944* ”
- “ *Entertainments Tax Act 1944* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1944* ”
- “ *Supply and Development Act 1944* ”

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, 3rd April, 1944.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 22.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* ”
- “ *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1944* ”
- “ *Maternity Allowance Act 1944* ”
- “ *Forestry Bureau Act 1944* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1944* ”

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, 5th April, 1944.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 23.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Widows' Pensions Act 1944* ”
- “ *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1944* ”
- “ *Wheat Subsidy Act 1944* ”
- “ *Wheat Tax (War-time) Repeal Act 1944* ”
- “ *Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Act 1944* ”
- “ *Supply Act (No. 1) 1944-45* ”
- “ *Excise Tariff Rebate Act 1944* ”
- “ *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1943-44* ”
- “ *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1942-43* ”
- “ *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1942-43* ”

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, 6th April, 1944.