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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. DUGAN,

*Administrator.**Message No. 10.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Appropriation Act 1944-45* ”
- “ *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1944-45* ”
- “ *Income Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1944* ”
- “ *War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1944* ”
- “ *Income Tax Act 1944* ”
- “ *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1944* ”
- “ *Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act 1944* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act 1944* ”
- “ *States Grants Act 1944* ”
- “ *War Pensions Appropriation Act 1944* ”
- “ *Loan Act (No. 2) 1944* ”
- “ *Tractor Bounty Act 1944* ”
- “ *Sulphur Bounty Act 1944* ”
- “ *Wire Netting Bounty Act 1944* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

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Canberra, 6th October, 1944.

3. MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence through illness of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), he would be Acting Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Defence, and Senator Fraser would act as Minister for the Army and as a member of the War Cabinet. Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) would act as a member of the Australian Advisory War Council during the absence of Mr. Curtin.

The House was also informed that, during the absence overseas of Senator Keane, Mr. Forde would act as Minister for Trade and Customs, and that Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) would act as Minister for Air and Minister for Civil Aviation and as a member of the War Cabinet during Mr. Drakeford's absence abroad.

4. REVIEW OF THE WAR AND AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing recent war developments and announcing the decisions of the Government in relation to allocations of manpower. Mr. Forde then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Review of the War and Australia's War Effort—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Menzies (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.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT RELIEF) BILL 1944.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. DUGAN,

*Administrator.*

*Message No. 11.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth 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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a Sum for the purpose of making Grants to certain States for the purpose of Drought Relief.

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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. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a Sum for the purpose of making Grants to certain States for the purpose of Drought Relief.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

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

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.

Mr. Scully moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (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.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Security Act—National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Statement of Australian Banking Statistics for the five quarters ended 30th September, 1944.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—

Broadcasting—Composite statement of programme and technical service accounts of Australian Broadcasting Commission and Postmaster-General's Department in respect of the national broadcasting service for year 1942-43.

National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations—Nos. 145-148.

Scientific Liaison Bureau—Annual Report for period ended 30th June, 1944.

Sugar Agreement—Thirteenth Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee for year ended 31st August, 1944.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, Nos. 146, 153.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1944—No. 26—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.

Bankruptcy Act—Sixteenth Annual Report by Attorney-General, for year ended 31st July, 1944.

Customs Act—Proclamation prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of goods—No. 611.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, Nos. 139, 140.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 154.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 7th November, 1944.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Commonwealth purposes—

Archerfield, Queensland.

Bathurst, New South Wales (2).

Coniston, New South Wales.

Cressy, Victoria.

Hobart, Tasmania.

Lindfield, New South Wales.

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- Lithgow, New South Wales.  
 Mulwala, New South Wales.  
 Oodnadatta, South Australia.  
 Richmond, New South Wales.  
 Townsville, Queensland.  
 Warracknabeal, Victoria.
- Postal purposes—  
 Bamawm, Victoria.  
 Darlington, New South Wales.  
 Melbourne, Victoria (2).  
 Port Melbourne, Victoria.
- National Security Act—  
 National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations—Order—Sterling area.  
 National Security (Food Control) Regulations—Order No. 10.  
 National Security (General) Regulations—  
 Orders—  
 Beef (Restrictions on sale and consumption) (No. 2).  
 Control of—  
 Electronic vibrators (No. 2).  
 Essential materials (No. 9).  
 Maps (No. 2).  
 Newsprint (No. 1).  
 Office machines—Revocation.  
 Overseas postal communications.  
 Radio spare parts.  
 Stock foods and remedies (No. 4).  
 Wholesale cream distribution (Victoria) (No. 2).  
 Disposal of dead bodies.  
 Prohibition of non-essential production (No. 16).  
 Taking possession of land, &c. (123).  
 Use of land (4).  
 Orders by State Premiers—  
 Queensland (2—dated 13th October, 1944, and 2nd November, 1944).  
 South Australia (Nos. 3 and 4 of 1944).  
 Victoria (No. 59).  
 Western Australia (2—dated 27th September, 1944).  
 National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—Order—Establishment of internment camp.  
 National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Orders—  
 Queensland (Nos. 2 and 3)—Revocation.  
 South Australia (No. 12).  
 National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (92).  
 National Security (Potatoes) Regulations—Order—No. 17.  
 National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 1608–1746.  
 National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 71–74.  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, Nos. 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 157.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 155.  
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 145.  
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
 Regulations—1944—No. 4 (Public Baths Ordinance).  
 War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 147.  
 Women's Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 149.
7. UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION 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.  
 Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) 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.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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