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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

TUESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1945.

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. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Royal Highness the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address-in-Reply at the Opening of the Third Session of the Seventeenth Parliament was duly laid before His Majesty the King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honourable Members His Majesty's sincere appreciation of the loyal message to which Your Address gives expression.

HENRY,
Governor-General.

14th May, 1945.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1945.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1944'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 11th May, 1945.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL 1945.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 11th May, 1945.

5. THE WAR—EQUIPMENT OF AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN BORNEO—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the alleged inadequacy of equipment supplied to the Ninth Division of the Australian Imperial Force for its operations in Borneo.

6. CASES OF CERTAIN SENIOR OFFICERS, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the reported resignations of some senior officers of the First Tactical Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force, and informed the House that Mr. J. V. Barry, K.C., had been appointed a Commissioner to inquire into and report upon matters relating to certain senior Air Force officers.

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7. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
 National Security Act—National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Statement of Australian Banking Statistics for the five quarters ended 31st March, 1945.
 The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
 Tariff Board—Report—Control of Liquor Order.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of External Affairs—
 F. H. Stuart.
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 61.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
 Ballarat, Victoria.
 Cooper's Plains, Queensland.
 National Security Act—
 National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (69).
 National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders by State Premiers—
 New South Wales (Nos. 50, 55).
 Tasmania (No. 10).
 Victoria (dated 2nd May, 1945).
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 63, 64.
8. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1945.—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. Bryson 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.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 2.*

A proposed Law intituled "*Motor Vehicles Manufacture Legislation Repeal Act 1945*" 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 Royal Highness has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
 Canberra, 14th May, 1945.

10. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1945.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 6, line 29, leave out " may, after consultation with ", insert " shall, on the nomination of ".

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 14, lines 1-10, leave out sub-clause (2.), insert the following new sub-clause:—

"(2.) The Council shall consist of the Commonwealth Wool Adviser, two members of the Board actively engaged in the production of wool who shall be selected by the Minister, and six other members who shall be appointed by the Minister to represent respectively—

- (a) the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research ;
- (b) wool manufacturers ;
- (c) textile distributors ;
- (d) authorities concerned with technical education ;
- (e) the Australian Workers' Union ; and
- (f) the Australian Textile Workers' Union."

No. 3.—Page 5, clause 17, line 15, after " shall " insert " , after consultation with the Board, ".

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Amendment No. 3 debated and agreed to.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the House adopted the Report.

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11. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1945.—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 10, clause 19, leave out paragraph 2 of Part II. of the Second Schedule, insert the following paragraphs :—

“ 2. All that portion of Tasmania lying south and west of a line commencing on the west coast at the southwest corner of the County of Wellington and thence generally easterly and southerly by the boundaries dividing the counties of Wellington Devon and Westmorland from the counties of Russell Lincoln and Cumberland to the point on the River Shannon where the hydro-electric transmission line from Waddamana to Launceston crosses that river thence in a straight line in a general southwesterly direction to the trigonometrical station known as Fishers Sugar Loaf thence by a straight line in a general southwesterly direction to the point where the Lyell Highway crosses the Dee River thence by a straight line in a general southwesterly direction to the confluence of the Derwent and Florentine Rivers thence by a straight line in a general southerly direction passing through the trigonometrical station on South East Cape to the southern coastline.

“ 3. All the islands forming part of Australia lying adjacent to the coastline of either of the portion of Australia described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Part.”

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past eleven 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. Adermann, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Coles, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Russell, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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