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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 97.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1946.

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. CONDITIONS ON JAPANESE DESTROYER "YOIZUKI"—REPORT OF INVESTIGATING MISSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
 Conditions on Japanese Destroyer *Yoizuki*—Report by Mr. Justice Simpson and Brigadier F. G. Galleghan of their investigations—
 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.
3. WAR GRATUITIES—UTILIZATION FOR BUILDING AND PURCHASING HOMES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—
 Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the Government's proposals for applying war gratuities towards the cost of building and purchasing homes.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 National Security Act—
 National Security (General) Regulations—
 Order—Prohibited place.
 Order by State Premier—South Australia (No. 1 of 1946).
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49.
 Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 190.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
6. STATES GRANTS (TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, 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.

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7. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment to or employment in the Commonwealth Service of certain State Employees, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, 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.
8. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1945*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, 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.
9. INCOME TAX (WAR-TIME ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act 1942-1944*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, 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.
10. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal section twenty-nine of the *Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1942-1944*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, 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.
11. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1945*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, 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.
12. WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940-1944*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, 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.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 16, Government Business.
14. WAYS AND MEANS—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the tax imposed by the *Entertainments Tax Act 1942-1944* continue to be imposed without the limitation on the period of its operation contained in section six of that Act.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

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

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15. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MISSIONS OVERSEAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—
The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 13th March, 1946*], viz. :—Foreign Affairs—Missions Overseas—Ministerial Statement, 13th March, 1946—be printed—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories) 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.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen 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. Adermann, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Martens, Mr. McLeod, Sir Earle Page, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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