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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 104.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. ROWVILLE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that Mr. Justice Simpson had been appointed to investigate the affairs of the Rowville prisoner of war camp, Victoria, and the circumstances leading to the shooting of an Italian prisoner of war on the 30th March.
4. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. McLeod, Chairman, brought up a Statement of cases where, for considerations of national security, memoranda have been addressed by the Committee to the Prime Minister.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—G. E. H. Shepherd.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth purposes—Dunster, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—Adelaide, South Australia.
National Fitness Act—Report of the Commonwealth Council for National Fitness for 1945.
National Security Act—
National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 54.
National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Orders—Acquisition of meat (2).
National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 115-118.
National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Order—1946, No. 4.
National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations—Order—Control of sale of vegetable seeds—Revocation.
6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SOCIAL SERVICES) BILL 1946.—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.
Ordered—That Mr. Cameron be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Barnard 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. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd April, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Commonwealth Public Service Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the appointment to or employment in the Commonwealth Service of certain State Employees, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd April, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Superannuation Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 65.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Superannuation Act 1922-1945 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd April, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act 1942-1944 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd April, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Entertainments Tax Assessment Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to repeal section twenty-nine of the ‘ Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1942-1944 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd April, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Entertainments Tax Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to repeal section six of the ‘ Entertainments Tax Act 1942-1944 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd April, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scully, Mr. Spender, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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