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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 117.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1939.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. FOOTWEAR FOR THE DEFENCE FORCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Acting Minister for Supply and Development), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the attempt at war profiteering made by certain boot manufacturers in New South Wales and Victoria in submitting quotations for footwear for the Defence Forces at increased prices previously determined by them. Sir Frederick Stewart informed the House of the steps proposed to be taken to ensure the requirements of the Department being satisfied, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
Footwear for the Defence Forces—Ministerial Statement ;
Correspondence, in relation to quotations for prices for footwear, from—
Thos. Davies Pty. Ltd., Melbourne,
Rampling & Hall, Melbourne,
J. C. Hanson, Melbourne,
Lynn Shoe Pty. Ltd., Melbourne,
McMuirrie (N.S.W.) Pty. Ltd., Sydney,
A. E. Matthews Pty. Ltd., Sydney,
Maxim Shoe Pty. Ltd., Sydney,
Rightwear Shoe Co. Ltd., Sydney,
Edward McCamley & Sons Pty. Ltd., Sydney,
Forest Boot Factory Pty. Ltd., Sydney, and
Johnson & Sons, Brisbane ;
Statement from the Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' and Allied Trades Association, Sydney—
and moved, That the Ministerial Statement be printed.
Mr. Curtin (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. EXPORT OF SHEEPSKINS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the control of the export of sheepskins and the effect upon the fellmongering industry.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO RESERVED BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 99.

The Governor-General informs the House of Representatives that the proposed law intituled " *Judiciary Act 1939* ", which was reserved for His Majesty's pleasure, has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has, by an Order in Council dated the fifth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, been pleased to confirm, approve and declare his assent to the said proposed law.

The Governor-General has caused the King's confirmation, approval and assent to be proclaimed in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 147, dated the twenty-third day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, a copy of which proclamation is attached hereto.

Canberra, 23rd November, 1939.

28th November, 1939.

PROCLAMATION.

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.
(Sgd.) GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Governor-
General in and over the Com-
monwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS a proposed law entitled "An Act to amend the *Judiciary Act* 1903-1937" has been passed by both Houses of the Parliament of the Commonwealth:

AND WHEREAS upon the said proposed law being on the ninth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine presented to me for the Royal Assent, I declared that I reserved the said proposed law for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure:

NOW THEREFORE I, Alexander Gore Arkwright, Baron Gowrie, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby proclaim and make known that the said proposed law has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that by an Order in Council bearing date the fifth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, His Majesty has been pleased to confirm, approve, and declare his assent to the proposed law.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth, this Twentysecond day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and in the third year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
(Sgd.) W. M. HUGHES,
Attorney-General.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

5. THE LATE HONORABLE SIR JOHN LANGDON BONYTHON.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Sir Lavington Bonython, son of the late Honorable Sir John Langdon Bonython, a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Liquid Fuels—Commonwealth Standing Committee—Fifth Report—Compressed Gas.
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—
Aluminium, unwrought (including scrap); Aluminium bars, rods, angles, tees, plates, sheets, circles and strips (dated 23rd November, 1939).
Leather produced from cattle hides and calf skins (dated 16th November, 1939).
Sulphate of ammonia, compounded fertilizers containing sulphate of ammonia, and phosphate fertilizers (dated 23rd November, 1939).
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 157.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—
For Postal purposes—Biloela, Queensland.
For Postal, telegraphic, telephonic and other like services—Stanley, Tasmania.
National Security Act—
National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders Nos. 35-39.
Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 149, 153, 155.
Supply and Development Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 151, 158.
7. PATENTS BILL 1939.—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Patents of Inventions and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION—FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES—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 Sir Henry Gullett (Minister for Information), That the Paper [*presented on the 23rd instant*], viz:—
Department of Information—Functions and Activities—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Gregory 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 to 5, be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 6, Government Business.

10. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. McHugh 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six 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. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Francis, Mr. Green, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lane, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McCall, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. White.

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