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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

FRIDAY, 10TH MAY, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. H.M.A.S. "STUART"—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for the Navy), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the terms of a communication from the Admiral Commanding, Malta, expressing appreciation of the way in which H.M.A.S. *Stuart* had carried out certain war operations.
3. EMPIRE AIR TRAINING AGREEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement giving details of the organization under the Empire Air Training Agreement.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Special Peace Officers—Form of Particulars of Appointment.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Designs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 6.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Byford, Western Australia.
Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright (War Powers) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 175.
Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 62.
5. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce), for Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That the honorable Member for Hume (Mr. Collins) be appointed Deputy Chairman of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 215A.
Question—put and passed.
6. FINANCIAL 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. Spender (Treasurer), That the Paper [*presented on the 2nd instant*], viz. :—
Financial Statement by the Honorable P. C. Spender, K.C., M.P., Treasurer—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Beasley 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.
Mr. Spender 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.
Mr. Spender continuing to address the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the further time allowed—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Question—put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5, Government Business.
8. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1940.—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.

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Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 28) the Bill was read a third time.

9. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1940.—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.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 29) the Bill was read a third time.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman, Mr. Francis, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lane, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Ward, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.