

1940.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 24.

FRIDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CORRECTION OF ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in the Division taken yesterday in connexion with the National Security Bill on the question that the Report be adopted and the Bill be read a third time, the Tellers inadvertently made an error. The name of Mr. Fadden should have been included in the List of those Members who voted with the Ayes. The error had been rectified in the official records.
3. STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Beasley, by leave, made a Statement regarding the production of shell cases at the Eveleigh railway work-shops annexe.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Hutchinson moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to the honorable Member for Fawkner (Mr. Holt), absent on military service with the Australian Imperial Force.
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1940.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 20th June, 1940.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Spender moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Spender and Mr. Fadden do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Spender 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. Spender moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Brennan addressing the House—

Closure moved:—Mr. Corser moved, That the question be now put.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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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. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 12 of 1940—
 Professional Officers' Association.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances
 of 1940—
 No. 8—Regulations Publication.
 No. 9—Juvenile Offenders (Probation).
 No. 10—Canberra Community Hospital (No. 2).

7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 6th August next, at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.

9. WHARF, PORT AUGUSTA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Nock (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1936*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to the House the result of its investigations:—Repairs and improvements to the wharf at Port Augusta, South Australia.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty minutes past four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At ten minutes past six o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*National Security Bill 1940 [No. 2]*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the National Security Act 1939*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 21st June, 1940.

J. B. HAYES,
 President.

[*Loan Bill (No. 2) 1940*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 21st June, 1940.

J. B. HAYES,
 President.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 6th August next, at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Holt*, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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