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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1941.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POWER ALCOHOL—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—  
Power Alcohol—Report of Committee of Inquiry, 17th May, 1941,  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Forde 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. MILK SUPPLIES FOR THE FIGHTING SERVICES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the arrangements made to procure the requirements of tinned milk for the fighting services at home and abroad, and the prices to be paid for the supplies.
4. RADIO RESEARCH—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister in charge of Scientific and Industrial Research), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in reference to the work and personnel of the Radio Research Board and the Radiophysics Board.
5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—  
Bathurst, New South Wales.  
Chermside, Queensland.  
Pearce, Western Australia.  
Port Melbourne (near), Victoria.
7. NATIONAL FITNESS BILL 1941.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to National Fitness.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Frederick Stewart 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.  
Sir Frederick Stewart moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Forde 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
9. MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1941.—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.

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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. Menzies (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 133) the Bill was read a third time.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1941-42.—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. Dedman be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Scully 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. Anthony (Assistant Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past 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 Sir George Bell, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Martens, and Mr. White.

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