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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 58.

THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 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. CHRISTMAS LEAVE FOR TASMANIAN SOLDIERS—TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the arrangements made for transport of and fare concessions to Tasmanian members of the Australian Imperial Force travelling from the mainland to Tasmania during Christmas leave.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Seventeenth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1940-41, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
4. ARMY CENSORSHIP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the scope of the censorship of books and literature exercised by the Department of the Army, and referred to the duties performed by the honorable Member for Barker (Mr. Cameron) in the Censorship Section. Mr. Forde, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, then laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Army Censorship—Ministerial Statement.  
Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
5. HAY INTERNMENT CAMP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proposals for a sewerage scheme at the Hay Internment Camp, and informed the House of the appointment of a committee to consider the matter.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 9, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
7. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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9. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

10. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

11. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

12. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1941.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

13. TAXATION PROPOSALS—COMMITTEE.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) announced the personnel of the committee of Members of the House of Representatives appointed to consider certain proposed amendments to the Income Tax Assessment Bill and the Gift Duty Assessment Bill.

14. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS 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.

Mr. Ryan was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1941.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 73.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1940’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 4, clause 4, line 2, leave out " sub-items (1), (2) and (3) of Item 3 ".

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the Amendment was agreed to.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report.

16. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister for Social Services), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 43, omit " blinded ", insert " blind ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Holloway, the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 13, omit " paragraph :— ", insert " proviso and paragraph :—

'Provided that, if for any special reason the Commissioner is of opinion that this paragraph should not apply in any particular case, he may direct that it shall not apply : ' ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr. Holloway, the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 40, after " pension " insert " per week ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

17. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Corser moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the Right Honorable Member for Cowper (Sir Earle Page), on the ground of urgent public business.

Question—put and passed.

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

[Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) 1941]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 74.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the following Bills :—

" A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1940 ' " ;

" A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1940 ' " ;

" A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1940 ' " ;

" A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1940 ' " ;

" A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1940 ' " ;

" A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1940 ' " ;

" A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1940 ' " ;

" A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1940 ' " ;

" A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1940 ' " ;

and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

[Customs Tariff Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 75.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

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[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 76.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

[*Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 77.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Proposals*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 78.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

[*Excise Tariff Validation Bill 1941*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two 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. Blain, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Sir Charles Marr, Sir Earle Page\*, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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