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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 99.

FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the General Manager, Consolidated Press Ltd., a communication stating that the article appearing in the *Sunday Telegraph*, Sydney, on the 17th May last was not intended by the writer of the article or the newspaper to be a personal attack or a reflection on the Parliament. Mr. Speaker announced that he had consulted with the President of the Senate, and, in view of the communication received, it was intended to inform the newspaper concerned that its representatives would now be permitted to resume their privileges in this House.
3. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1942.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1911-1932, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Fadden (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.
4. WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT BILL 1942.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), for Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to Encourage and Regulate the Employment of Women for the purpose of aiding the Prosecution of the present War.  
Question—put and passed.
5. BLACK MARKETING BILL 1942.—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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made, after debate :—  
Page 1, lines 5-8, omit all words after " shall " to the end of the clause, insert " come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3—

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

Page 2, line 43, omit " 1939-1940 ", insert " 1939 or under that Act as subsequently amended ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 omitted.

Clauses 9 to 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 19 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.

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

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Badman, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Beck, Sir George Bell, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Breen, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McCall, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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