

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 12.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE

WEDNESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1941.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of the Senate passed on 13th December, 1940.
2. PRAYERS.
3. DEATH OF MR. D. S. JACKSON.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay), by leave, moved—That the Senate expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. David Sydney Jackson, a former member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Bass, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its sincere sympathy to his widow in her bereavement. And the motion having been seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Senator Collings), and supported by Senators Gibson, Lamp, Foll, and Herbert Hays—
And all Senators present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—RE-ARRANGEMENT OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO THE WAR CABINET.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay), by leave, informed the Senate that, during the absence from Australia of the Right Honorable R. G. Menzies, the following re-arrangement of Ministerial duties, and temporary appointments to the War Cabinet, had been made :—
The Honorable A. W. Fadden to be Acting Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Defence Co-ordination.
The Honorable T. J. Collins, in addition to the duties previously performed by him, to assist the Postmaster-General.
Senator the Honorable J. W. Leckie, in addition to the duties previously performed by him, to assist the Minister for the Army. Senator Leckie also to represent the Minister for Social Services and Health in the Senate.
During the absence of Mr. Menzies, the Minister for Commerce (the Right Honorable Sir Earle Page) and the Minister for Supply and Development and Minister for Munitions (Senator the Honorable P. A. M. McBride) to be members of the War Cabinet.
5. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by the President :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 3.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Income Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1940*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 14th December, 1940.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 4.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *States Grants Act 1940* "
- " *Defence Equipment Act 1940* "
- " *Wheat Tax (War-time) Assessment Act 1940* "
- " *Wheat Tax (War-time) Act 1940* "
- " *Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Act 1940* "
- " *Loan (Drought Relief) Act 1940* "
- " *States Grants (Drought Relief) Act 1940* "
- " *Apple and Pear (Appropriation) Act 1940* "
- " *Wire Netting Bounty Act 1940* "
- " *Morgan-Whyalla Waterworks Agreement Act 1940* "
- " *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1940* "

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 1A) 1940* "
 " *Sales Tax Act (No. 2A) 1940* "
 " *Sales Tax Act (No. 3A) 1940* "
 " *Sales Tax Act (No. 4A) 1940* "
 " *Sales Tax Act (No. 5A) 1940* "
 " *Sales Tax Act (No. 6A) 1940* "
 " *Sales Tax Act (No. 7A) 1940* "
 " *Sales Tax Act (No. 8A) 1940* "
 " *Sales Tax Act (No. 9A) 1940* "
 " *Officers' Rights Declaration Act 1940* "

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 16th December, 1940.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Northern Territory (Administration) Act (No. 2) 1940* "
 " *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1940* "

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 16th December, 1940.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Income Tax Act (No. 2) 1940* "
 " *War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940* "
 " *War-time (Company) Tax Act 1940* "
 " *Wine Export Bounty Act 1940* "
 " *Treasury Bills Act 1940* "
 " *Post and Telegraph Rates (Defence Forces) Act (No. 2) 1940* "
 " *Gold Tax Collection Act (No. 2) 1940* "
 " *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act (No. 2) 1940* "
 " *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1940* "

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 17th December, 1940.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

A Proposed Law intituled " *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1940-41* ", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 18th December, 1940.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

A Proposed Law intituled " *Appropriation Act 1940-41* ", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 23rd December, 1940.

6. THE LATE COLONEL P. P. ABBOTT.—The President informed the Senate that he had received from Mrs. E. M. Abbott a letter of thanks and appreciation for the resolution of sympathy and condolence passed by the Senate on the occasion of the death of Colonel Percy Phipps Abbott, C.M.G., V.D.

7. AUSTRALIAN LABOUR PARTY (NON-COMMUNIST)—STATEMENT.—Senator Amour, by leave, informed the Senate that the Members of the Australian Labour Party (Non-communist), of which he was Leader in the Senate, had rejoined the Australian Labour Party, and that they now acknowledged the Leader of the Opposition (Senator Collings) as their Leader in the Senate.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations Nos. 47 to 51.
 Norfolk Island—Report for year ended 30th June, 1940.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 279.
- Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 16.
- Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 - No. 32 of 1940—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - No. 33 of 1940—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.
 - No. 1 of 1941—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
 - No. 2 of 1941—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union; and Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
- Bankruptcy Act—
 - Twelfth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, year ended 31st July, 1940.
 - Rules—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 12.
- Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 280.
- Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 292.
- Commonwealth Public Service Act—
 - Appointments—Department of—
 - Civil Aviation—J. B. Abel, C. L. Alford, G. H. M. Birkbeck, K. N. E. Bradfield, N. M. Fricker, H. R. Heathcote, F. M. Hilgendorf, F. R. Meere, and J. K. Twycross.
 - Health—J. G. Kelleher and R. A. Turner.
 - Interior—R. J. Cull.
 - Labour and National Service—M. A. Hunter.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 18, 36, 42.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 3, 4, 13, 14, 24, 30, 43.
- Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 22.
- Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 281.
- Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 45.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 289.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
 - Adelaide River, Northern Territory—For Defence purposes.
 - Bairnsdale, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
 - Ballarat, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
 - Carnarvon, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 - Chatswood, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 - Cootamundra, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 - Darwin, Northern Territory—For Defence purposes.
 - Dee Why, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 - Elizabeth Bay, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 - Hagley, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
 - Kalkallo, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
 - Kilmore, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
 - Lidcombe, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 - Margaret River, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
 - Maribyrnong, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
 - Mile End, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
 - Narromine, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 - North Fremantle, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 - Oatlands, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
 - Pearce, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 - Port Adelaide, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
 - Rockdale, Municipality of, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 - Salisbury, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
 - Seymour, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
 - Townsville, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
 - Western Junction, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
- National Security Act—
 - Butter and Cheese Acquisition Regulations—Orders—
 - Acquisition of Butter and Cheese.
 - Returns.
 - National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Acquisition of Apples and Pears 1940–41.
 - National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order of Exemption.
 - National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations—Orders—
 - Exemptions (3).
 - Foreign Currency.
 - Foreign Securities—Return.
 - Money Orders.
 - Sterling Areas (Belgian Congo and Ruanda Urundi).
 - National Security (General) Regulations—
 - By-laws—Controlled Areas.
 - Orders—
 - Prohibited Places (8).
 - Prohibiting work on Land.
 - Taking possession of Land, &c. (37).
 - Use of Land (7).
 - Inventions and Designs (58).

- National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders Nos. 268 to 326.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules—
 1940, Nos. 282, 283, 286, 287, 288, 290, 291, 293, 294, 295.
 1941, Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39,
 40, 41, 46, 47, 48, 49.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 21.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 5, 23, 44.
- New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1940—
 No. 9—Appropriation (No. 3) 1939–1940.
 No. 10—Mortgagors' Relief.
 No. 15—Appropriation 1940–1941.
 No. 17—Mining (No. 2).
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances of 1941—
 No. 1—Public Service.
 No. 2—Provident Fund.
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1941—
 No. 1—Mental Defectives.
 No. 2—Workmen's Compensation.
 No. 3—Public Service.
 No. 4—Income Tax.
 No. 5—Licensing.
 No. 6—Local Courts.
- Regulations—1940—No. 15 (Health Ordinance).
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 15.
- Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 284.
- Sales Tax Procedure Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 285.
- Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 278.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1940—
 No. 22—Court of Petty Sessions (No. 2).
 No. 24—Liquor (Renewal of Licences).
- Ordinances of 1941—
 No. 1—Hawkers.
 No. 2—Deserted Wives and Children.
- Regulations—
 No. 8 of 1940 (Fish Protection Ordinance).
 No. 1 of 1941 (Building and Services Ordinance).
- Supply and Development Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 277, 296.
- Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 31.
- War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 17.

9. **QUESTIONS.**—Questions on notice were answered.
10. **ORDER OF THE DAY DISCHARGED.**—Ordered—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 1, Estimates and Budget Papers 1940–41, be read and discharged.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
 The Senate adjourned at three minutes past four p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.
12. **ATTENDANCE.**—Present, all the Members except Senators Crawford, Grant, and Wilson.

R. A. BROINOWSKI,
Clerk of the Senate.