

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 17.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1941.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

2. PRAYERS.

3. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The President informed the Senate that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Message in connexion with the Address-in-Reply :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address-in-Reply at the Opening of the Sixteenth Parliament was duly laid before His Majesty the King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honorable Senators His Majesty's sincere appreciation of the loyal assurances to which Your Address gives expression.

28th March, 1941.

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 68.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay) moved—That Standing Order No. 68 be suspended up to and including Thursday, 10th April next, to enable New Business to be taken after half-past ten o'clock at night.

Question—put and passed, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.

5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS.—Senator Brand brought up the following Reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—

Report relating to the erection of Temporary Office Buildings at Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.

Report relating to the erection of Abattoirs at Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 67.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Tatura, Victoria—For Defence purposes (4).

Supply and Development Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 65.

7. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT, TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator Cameron, in order to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz.—“ the consideration by the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances of delegated legislation referred to it under Standing Order 36A ”, moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till ten a.m. to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

9. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1941.—The Minister administering War Service Homes (Senator Collett), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Collings the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

10. PAY-ROLL TAX BILL 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 37.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon the Payment of Wages* ”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister (Senator Leckie) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Leckie moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator James McLachlan) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Leckie the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

11. PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 36.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon the Payment of Wages*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister (Senator Leckie) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Leckie moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 71 agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator James McLachlan) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Leckie the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

12. RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 38.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1940'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister (Senator Leckie) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Leckie moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Collings the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

13. CRIMES BILL 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator James McLachlan) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

14. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator James McLachlan) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

15. DEFENCE BILL 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator James McLachlan) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

16. CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 39.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Endowments, in respect of certain Children, at the rate of Five shillings per week for each Child*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister (Senator Leckie) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Leckie moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Senator Keane the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

17. TRADE AGREEMENT (SOUTHERN RHODESIA) BILL 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 40.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Southern Rhodesia*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister (Senator Leckie) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Leckie moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Collings the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

18. EMPIRE AIR SERVICE (ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA) BILL 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—

The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 41.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to authorize the execution of an Agreement relating to the Empire Air Service between England and Australia* ”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Minister for the Interior (Senator Foll) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Foll moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Collings the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

19. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at half-past ten a.m.

Question—put and passed.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—The Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at ten minutes to twelve p.m. till to-morrow at half-past ten a.m.

21. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Gibson, Grant, and Wilson.

R. A. BROINOWSKI,
Clerk of the Senate.