

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 21.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1941.

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

2. **PRAYERS.**

3. **RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE PASSED BY THE SENATE—REPLIES.**—The President informed the Senate that he had received from Dr. Alva J. Boyd and Mr. Berry Hay letters of thanks and appreciation for the resolutions of sympathy and condolence passed by the Senate on the occasions of the deaths of the Honorable James Arthur Boyd and Mr. Alexander Hay, respectively.

4. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Power Alcohol—Report of the Power Alcohol Committee of Inquiry, dated 17th May, 1941.

Tariff Board—Report—Bitumen.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 8 of 1941—Arms, Explosives and Munitions Workers' Federation of Australia.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 94.

Customs Act—Proclamation prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of Citric Acid and compounds of Citric Acid (dated 28th May, 1941).

Immigration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 66.

Judiciary Act and High Court Procedure Act—Rule of Court—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 122.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Bathurst, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Bowen, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Cairns, Queensland—For Defence purposes (2).

Cambridge, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Chernside, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Cloncurry, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Geraldton, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Glossop, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Kurrajong, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Latrobe, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Lithgow, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Manilla, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Mena Creek, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Pearce, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Port Melbourne (near), Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Seymour, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Wynyard, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

National Security Act—

National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations—Orders—

Exchange Control (Foreign Currency).

Exchange Control (Foreign Securities).

Exemption.

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Inventions and designs (3).

Prohibited places (4).

Prohibiting work on land.

Protected areas.

Taking possession of land, &c. (75).

Use of land (2).

National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—Orders—

Internment Camp (No. 1).

Internment Camp (No. 2).

Internment Camp (No. 3).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 123, 125, 131, 132, 133, 134.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 124.

Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—No. 1 of 1941 (Public Service Ordinance).

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 126.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance No. 4 of 1941—Canberra Community Hospital.

Supply and Development Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 119.

War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 130.

5. **QUESTIONS.**—Questions on notice were answered.

6. **FLAX INDUSTRY—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.**—Senator Aylett, pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Select Committee of the Parliament be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters relating to—
  - (a) the growing and processing of flax ;
  - (b) the composition, functions and operations of the Flax Board.
- (2) That three members of the Senate and four members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That the Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during the adjournment of Parliament.
- (4) That a message be sent to the House of Representatives requesting its concurrence and asking that four members be appointed to serve on such Committee.

On the motion of the Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay) the debate was adjourned.

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

7. **SUPERPHOSPHATE—MANUFACTURE AND SALE IN AUSTRALIA—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.**—Senator Fraser, pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Select Committee of the Parliament be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters related to the manufacture and sale of superphosphate in Australia.
- (2) That three members of the Senate and four members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That the Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during the adjournment of Parliament.
- (4) That a message be sent to the House of Representatives requesting its concurrence, and asking that four members be appointed to serve on such Committee.

On the motion of the Postmaster-General (Senator McLeay) the debate was adjourned.

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

8. **WORLD-ARMAMENT COMMONWEALTH FOR PREVENTION OF AGGRESSION.**—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion by Senator Macartney Abbott, viz. :—

- (1) That, humbly relying on Almighty God, the British Commonwealth of Nations and all upholders of freedom in the world must fight on and accept no peace till they are beyond all question in a position to demand complete security as an indispensable result of peace and that all nations whether belligerent or not should be called upon to join in establishing one world-armament commonwealth representative of and equally elected by each to which they shall under an agreed constitution completely and irrevocably surrender the sole absolute and exclusive control, ownership, manufacture and possession of armaments and all means and instruments of war and their sovereign rights in relation thereto, and that such constitution to guarantee security must be permanent and indissoluble.
- (2) (a) That such body shall be given possession of all existing armaments upon trust for the whole as one people.
- (b) Such body shall from its inception be entirely and exclusively responsible for the peace and good order and also the guaranteeing of the otherwise unrestricted rights of free self-government of each of the nations.
- (c) Such body shall also be exclusively responsible for the enforcement of all or any treaty made between the nations, registration of which with such body shall have been mutually requested by such nations.
- (d) There shall be vested in such body such incidental powers and authorities that may be agreed upon including an appropriately empowered judiciary for the purpose of effectuating the objects for which it is established.
- (3) This Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia in exercise of its constitutional rights in that behalf authorizes and directs Mr. President to present this resolution to His Excellency the Governor-General, respectfully requesting that it be conveyed to His Most Gracious Majesty the King, with the Senate's most earnest expression of opinion that it should be communicated—at the appropriate time—to all the nations of the world for the purpose of examination and action by them.

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till a later hour of the day, and that Senator Macartney Abbott have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

9. **MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1941.**—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 56.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Ministers of State Act 1935-1938*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 25th June, 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator McLeay the Bill was read a first time.

Senator McLeay 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.

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In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at twenty minutes to ten p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

12. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Armstrong and Wilson.

R. A. BROINOWSKI,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*