

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 35.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1941.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. JOINT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY—INTERIM REPORT.—Senator Keane brought up an Interim Report from the Joint Committee on Social Security, dated 24th September, 1941.
4. THE LATE W. K. BOLTON.—The President informed the Senate that he had received from Mrs. W. K. Bolton and family a letter of thanks for the resolution of sympathy and condolence passed by the Senate on the occasion of the death of former Senator Brigadier-General William Kinsey Bolton, C.B.E., V.D.
5. SIGNAL TO THE MEN OF TOBRUK.—The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the Prime Minister intimating that a telegram, embodying the text of the resolution passed by the Senate on 18th September, 1941, had been sent to the General Officer Commanding in the Middle East for transmission to the Men of Tobruk.
6. TEMPORARY RE-ARRANGEMENT OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Supply and Development (Senator McLeay), by leave, informed the Senate that, during the absence in London of the Minister for Commerce (the Right Honorable Sir Earle Page), the Minister for Transport (the Honorable H. L. Anthony) would be relieved of his duties as Assistant Minister for Commerce, and, as Minister assisting the Treasurer, would concentrate on Treasury duties so as to relieve the Treasurer of the bulk of detailed Treasury administration. Mr. Anthony would continue to administer the Department of Transport.
The Minister for Home Security (the Honorable J. P. Abbott) would be Acting Minister for Commerce during Sir Earle Page's absence.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 228.
Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 211.
National Security Act—
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Prohibited places (2).
Taking possession of land, &c. (33).
Use of land (2).
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 225, 226, 227, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of the reservation of certain lands in the Town of Playford, Northern Territory, formerly reserved for the use of aboriginal native inhabitants (dated 18th September, 1941).
8. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
9. RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1940-1941'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.
W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.
House of Representatives,
Canberra, 19th September, 1941.
Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for Supply and Development (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 Aircraft Production (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 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

10. SPECIAL FUNDS—USE FOR SECURITY PURPOSES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Supply and Development (Senator McLeay), by leave, made a statement concerning expenditure from Special Funds for the Counter-Espionage Bureau, and other Security purposes, laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—

By Command—

Special Funds—Use for Security purposes—Ministerial Statement—
and moved—That the Paper be printed.

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.

11. CABLE AND WIRE 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. 66.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Production of Rubber-insulated Cable and Rubber-insulated Wire*”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 19th September, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for Supply and Development (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 Aircraft Production (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 to 23 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

12. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Supply and Development (Senator McLeay) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at sixteen minutes past five p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

13. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Arthur, E. B. Johnston (on leave), Allan MacDonald (on leave), and Wilson (on leave.)

R. A. BROINOWSKI,
Clerk of the Senate.