

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 38.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 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 1st October, 1941.

2. PRAYERS.

3. DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR JOHN MULLAN.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, moved—That the Senate expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable John Mullan, former Senator and State Minister, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and extends its sincere sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement. And the motion having been seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Senator McLeay), and supported by Senator Cooper—
And all Senators present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS—

New Administration.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, informed the Senate that, consequent upon the resignation of the Honorable A. W. Fadden as Prime Minister, His Excellency the Governor-General commissioned the Honorable J. Curtin, M.P., to form a Ministry. The Ministry, which was sworn in on the 7th October, 1941, is as follows :—

Prime Minister and Minister for Defence	The Honorable J. Curtin, M.P.
Co-ordination	
Minister for the Army	The Honorable F. M. Forde, M.P.
Treasurer	The Honorable J. B. Chifley, M.P.
Attorney-General and Minister for External Affairs	The Honorable H. V. Evatt, K.C., M.P.
Minister for Supply and Development	The Honorable J. A. Beasley, M.P.
Minister for the Interior	Senator the Honorable J. S. Collings
Minister for the Navy and Minister for Munitions	The Honorable N. J. O. Makin, M.P.
Minister for Social Services and Minister for Health	The Honorable E. J. Holloway, M.P.
Minister for Trade and Customs and Vice-President of the Executive Council	Senator the Honorable R. V. Keane
Minister for Air and Minister for Civil Aviation	The Honorable A. S. Drakeford, M.P.
Minister for Commerce	The Honorable W. J. Scully, M.P.
Postmaster-General and Minister for Information	Senator the Honorable W. P. Ashley
Minister for Labour and National Service	The Honorable E. J. Ward, M.P.
Minister for Repatriation and Minister in Charge of War Service Homes	The Honorable C. W. Frost, M.P.
Minister for War Organization of Industry and Minister in Charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	The Honorable J. J. Dedman, M.P.
Minister for Home Security and Minister assisting the Treasurer	The Honorable H. P. Lazzarini, M.P.
Minister for External Territories and Minister assisting the Minister for Commerce	Senator the Honorable J. M. Fraser
Minister for Aircraft Production and Minister assisting the Minister for Munitions	Senator the Honorable D. Cameron
Minister for Transport and Minister assisting the Postmaster-General	The Honorable G. Lawson, M.P.

War Cabinet.—Senator Collings also informed the Senate that Messrs. Curtin, Forde, Chifley, Evatt, Beasley, Makin, and Drakeford, had been appointed members of the War Cabinet.

Advisory War Council.—Senator Collings further announced that the Prime Minister was communicating with the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Second Opposition Party, requesting that the machinery set up in respect of the Australian Advisory War Council be maintained.

Ministerial Representation of Departments and activities in the Senate.—Senator Collings further informed the Senate that the following arrangements had been made for Ministerial Representation of Departments and activities in the Senate :—

Prime Minister	}	To be represented by Senator the Honorable J. S. Collings
Defence Co-ordination		
Home Security		
Army	}	To be represented by Senator the Honorable R. V. Keane
Treasury		
Social Services		
Health		
Transport	}	To be represented by Senator the Honorable W. P. Ashley
Attorney-General		
External Affairs		
Navy		
Munitions	}	To be represented by Senator the Honorable J. M. Fraser
Labour and National Service		
Supply and Development	}	To be represented by Senator the Honorable D. Cameron
Commerce		
Air	}	To be represented by Senator the Honorable D. Cameron
Civil Aviation		
Repatriation		
War Service Homes		
War Organization of Industry		
Scientific and Industrial Research		

Message to Prime Minister of Great Britain.—Senator Collings also announced that the Prime Minister had, this day, sent a cablegram to the Prime Minister of Great Britain in the following terms :—

I take the occasion of the commencement of my work as Prime Minister of Australia to assure you of the desire of my Government to co-operate fully with your Government and with the Governments of the other Dominions in all matters associated with the welfare of the Empire. In particular we will devote our energies to the effective organization of all our resources so that we may play our part in bringing victory to the Empire and our Allies.

5. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, ETC.—Senator McLeay, by leave, informed the Senate that he had been appointed as Leader, Senator P. A. M. McBride as Deputy-Leader, and Senator Allan MacDonald as Whip, of the Opposition.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 - No. 26 of 1941—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - No. 27 of 1941—Postal Electricians Supervisors and Foremen's Association, Postmaster-General's Department, Commonwealth of Australia.
 - No. 28 of 1941—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Mount Gambier, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 - Control of Timber.
 - Inventions and Designs (148).
 - National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—Camp Rules (6).
 - National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—Order—Payment of Officer Prisoners of War (No. 1).
 - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 - Ordinance No. 14 of 1941—Inspection of Machinery.
 - Regulations—No. 11 of 1941 (Medical Benefits and Hospitals Ordinances).

7. JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROFITS—FIRST REPORT.—Senator Spicer brought up the First Report from the Joint Committee on Profits, dated 8th October, 1941.
Ordered to be printed.

8. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

9. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1941-42.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 67.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-two*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 8th October, 1941.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) 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, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Bill was read a first time. Senator Keane 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 5 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without requests.

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

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

10. LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 68.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 8th October, 1941.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) 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, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Bill was read a first time.

Sensor Keane 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 5 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 Keane the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

11. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Wednesday, 29th October next, at three p.m.

Question—put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at fourteen minutes to five p.m. till Wednesday, 29th October next, at three p.m.

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

R. A. BROINOWSKI,
Clerk of the Senate.