

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 48.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 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 27th November, 1941.
2. PRAYERS.
3. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by the President :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 19.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1941* "
- " *Land Tax Act 1941* "
- " *Estate Duty Act 1941* "
- " *Gift Duty Assessment Act 1941* "
- " *Gift Duty Act 1941* "
- " *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1941* "
- " *Income Tax Act 1941* "
- " *War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1941* "
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- " *Income Tax Assessment Act 1941* "
- " *States Grants Act 1941* "
- " *Appropriation Act 1941-42* "
- " *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1941-42* "
- " *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1939-40* "
- " *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1939-40* "
- " *Loan Act (No. 3) 1941* "
- " *Superphosphate Bounty Act 1941* "
- " *Apple and Pear (Appropriation) Act 1941* "
- " *Petroleum Oil Search Act 1941* "

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, 3rd December, 1941.

- 4: QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
    - No. 34 of 1941—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
    - No. 35 of 1941—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
    - No. 36 of 1941—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
    - No. 37 of 1941—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
    - No. 38 of 1941—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
  - Commonwealth Public Service Act—
    - Eighteenth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Public Service Board, dated 11th December, 1941.
    - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 284.
  - Customs Act—Proclamation, dated 26th November, 1941, prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of Binoculars.
  - Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 285.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
    - Archerfield, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
    - Darwin, Northern Territory—For Defence purposes.
    - Dural, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
    - Ingleburn, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
    - Redbank, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

National Security Act<sup>1</sup>—

## National Security (General) Regulations—

## By-laws—Controlled areas (2).

## Orders—

Inventions and designs (169).

Motor Spirit War Reserves Storage.

Prohibited places (8).

Prohibited places and protected areas.

Protected areas.

Taking possession of land, &amp;c. (49).

Use of land (26).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 286.

## Papua Act—Ordinances of 1941—

No. 10—Native Crown Servants.

No. 11—Superannuation.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations of 1941—No. 9—(Motor Traffic Ordinance).

6. ORDER OF THE DAY DISCHARGED.—Ordered—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 1, Estimates and Budget Papers 1941–42 (Revised), be read and discharged.

7. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—WAR AGAINST FINLAND, HUNGARY, RUMANIA AND JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Postmaster-General (Senator Ashley), by leave, made a statement on the events which culminated in war being declared by Australia on Finland, Hungary, Rumania and Japan, and laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—

## By Command—

Documents relating to United States of America – Japanese Conversations, November–December, 1941.

Declaration of existence of state of war with Finland, Hungary, Rumania and Japan—Documents relating to procedure of His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That the Papers be printed.

On the motion of 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. DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST FINLAND, HUNGARY, RUMANIA AND JAPAN.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, moved—That the Senate approves of the action of His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth in having advised the issue of proclamations declaring the existence of a state of war with Japan, Finland, Hungary and Rumania. Further, the Senate hereby pledges itself to take every step deemed necessary to defend this Commonwealth and its territories, to carry on hostilities in association with our Allies, and to achieve final victory over our enemies.

And the motion having been seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Senator McLeay)—

Question—put and passed.

9. 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 eight minutes to four p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

10. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Collett, Crawford, Lamp, Allan MacDonald, Uppill, and Wilson (on leave).

R. A. BROINOWSKI,

*Clerk of the Senate.*