

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. THE LATE MAJOR THE HONORABLE A. H. P. HORE-RUTHVEN.—The President informed the Senate that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General a letter of thanks for the resolution of sympathy passed by the Senate on 17th February last.
4. DEFENCE (CITIZEN MILITARY FORCES) BILL 1943.—*Governor-General's Message*.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by the President :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 38.*

A proposed Law intituled :—“ *Defence (Citizen Military Forces) Act 1943* ” 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 Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 19th February, 1943.

5. FLAX PRICE AND COMPENSATION FOR LOST CROPS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for External Territories (Senator Fraser), by leave, made a statement setting out the attitude of the Government on the question of the price of flax and the payment of compensation to growers who lost their crops because of the adverse season.
6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Norfolk Island—Report for 1941–42.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 7 of 1943—  
Victorian Public Service Association ; Public Service Association of South Australia ; and  
Tasmanian Public Service Association.

Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 16.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—For Commonwealth purposes at—

Albany, Western Australia.

Alexandria, New South Wales.

Batlow, New South Wales.

Cowra, New South Wales.

Deniliquin, New South Wales.

Essendon, Victoria.

Harristown, Queensland.

Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

Northam, Western Australia.

Pontville, Tasmania.

Port Adelaide, South Australia.

Rathmines, New South Wales.

National Security Act—

National Security (Civil Defence Workers' Compensation) Regulations—Order by State  
Premier—Victoria.

National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—South Australia.

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Bacon and Smallgoods (South Australia).

Control of—

Essential Materials.

Pineapples.

Solder.

Restrictions on New Manufactures—Exemption.

Taking possession of land, &c. (331).

Use of land (7).

National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Order No. 13.

National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order No. 36.

National Security (Universities Commission) Regulations—Order—Classes of Students to  
be assisted.

7. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

8. POSTPONEMENTS.—Ordered—That Business of the Senate, Order of the Day No. 1 and Notice of Motion No. 1, be postponed till the next day of sitting.

9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 175.*

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, Mr. Mulcahy, a Member of the House of Representatives, has been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in the place of Mr. Stacey, resigned.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 24th February, 1943.

W. M. NAIRN,  
*Speaker.*

10. LOAN BILL 1943.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 176.*

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, 25th February, 1943.

W. M. NAIRN,  
*Speaker.*

*Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.*—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), 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 External Territories (Senator Fraser) the Bill was read a first time. Senator Fraser 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 Fraser the Report from the Committee was adopted.

Senator Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

*And General Business taking precedence of Government Business after 8 p.m.—*

11. REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT.—Senator Spicer, pursuant to notice, moved—That the Fifth Report from the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, presented to the Senate on 17th September, 1942, be adopted.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Senator McLeay the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for Thursday, 11th March next.

*And consideration of Government Business being resumed—*

12. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1943.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 177.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

W. M. NAIRN,  
*Speaker.*

*Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.*—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), 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 External Territories (Senator Fraser) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Fraser 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 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without requests.

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

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

13. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL 1943.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 178.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

W. M. NAIRN,  
Speaker.

*Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.*—The Minister for External Territories (Senator Fraser), 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 Senator Fraser the Bill was read a first time.

On the motion of Senator Fraser the Bill was 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 requests.

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

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

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY) VALIDATION BILL 1943.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 179.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

W. M. NAIRN,  
Speaker.

*Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.*—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), 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 External Territories (Senator Fraser) the Bill was read a first time.

On the motion of Senator Fraser the Bill was 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 requests.

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

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

15. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1943.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 180.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

W. M. NAIRN,  
Speaker.

*Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.*—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), 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 External Territories (Senator Fraser) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Fraser 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 requests.

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

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

16. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1943.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 181.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

W. M. NAIRN,  
Speaker.

*Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.*—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), 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 External Territories (Senator Fraser) the Bill was read a first time.

On the motion of Senator Fraser the Bill was 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 requests.

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

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

17. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1943.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 182.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

W. M. NAIRN,  
Speaker.

*Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.*—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), 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 External Territories (Senator Fraser) the Bill was read a first time.

On the motion of Senator Fraser the Bill was 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 requests.

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

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

18. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Commonwealth Powers Bill—Full text of all the opinions on the Commonwealth Powers Bill given by the legal advisers of the Commonwealth, together with copies of opinions given on the Bill by State legal advisers and other counsel.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 505.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes at Wallaroo, South Australia.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 549.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

20. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 9th March next, at three p.m.  
Question—put and passed.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—And the Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) having again moved—That the Senate do now adjourn—  
Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at nineteen minutes past ten p.m. till Tuesday, 9th March next, at three p.m.

22. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Foll, Herbert Hays, Keane, and Wilson (on leave).

JOHN EDWARDS,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*