

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 55.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1942.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. BROADCASTING—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Senator Gibson brought up the Report of the Joint Committee on Wireless Broadcasting, dated 5th March, 1942.
Ordered to be printed.
4. SOCIAL SECURITY—JOINT COMMITTEE—THIRD INTERIM REPORT.—Senator Cooper brought up the Third Interim Report of the Joint Committee on Social Security, dated 25th March, 1942.
5. LOAN BILL 1942.—*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. 21.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Loan Act 1942*", 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, 9th March, 1942.

6. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE.—The President informed the Senate that a letter had been received from Senator Aylett resigning from the Joint Committee on Rural Industries owing to pressure of other duties being performed by him.
The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, moved—
(1) That Senator Aylett be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Rural Industries.
(2) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives by Message.
Question—put and passed.
7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—RE-ARRANGEMENT OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES AND APPOINTMENT TO AUSTRALIAN ADVISORY WAR COUNCIL.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, informed the Senate that, during the absence from Australia of the Honorable H. V. Evatt, the following re-arrangement of Ministerial duties, and appointment to the Australian Advisory War Council, had been made:—
The Honorable J. Curtin to be Acting Minister for External Affairs.
The Honorable J. A. Beasley to be Acting Attorney-General.
The Honorable J. B. Chifley to be a member of the Australian Advisory War Council.
8. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT, TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator Allan MacDonald, in order to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"the critical position of the goldfields communities following upon the Government's intimation that gold production must cease", moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till nine a.m. to-morrow.
Debate ensued.

Distinguished Visitor.—The President informed the Senate that the Honorable Daniel Clyne, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, was in the precincts of the Senate, and he proposed, with the concurrence of Honorable Senators, to invite him to take a seat in the Chamber. And Senators concurring, the distinguished visitor was admitted and took a seat on the floor of the Senate.

Debate continued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Order of the Day having been called on—
Ordered—That the Order of the Day be postponed until after Questions on Notice have been answered, and Business of the Senate, Notices of Motion Nos. 1, 2 and 3, have been dealt with.

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10. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 National Security Act—
 National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Notice—Fixing date of commencement.
 National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Notice—Fixing date of commencement of sub-regulation 13 (1).

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 46.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 10 of 1942—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association and others ; Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia ; Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association ; Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia ; and Amalgamated Engineering Union.

No. 11 of 1942—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 12 of 1942—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia ; Plumbers and Gasfitters Employees' Union of Australia ; and Vehicle Builders Employees' Federation of Australia.

Child Endowment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 131.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 123.

Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Copra ; Jams ; Jellies, fruit ; Oil, coconut ; Pigments and goods containing pigments ; and Rubber in all forms and manufactures wholly or partly of rubber (dated 6th March, 1942).

Drugs, Chemicals and Medical Proprieties (dated 12th March, 1942).

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 95, 116, 117.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act, and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 119.

Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 75.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Clyde, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Darwin, Northern Territory—For Defence purposes.

Drummoyne, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Fairfield, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Laverton, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Nowra, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Salisbury, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Smithfield, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

South Yarra, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Spencers Brook, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Tamworth, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Tennant Creek, Northern Territory—For Administrative purposes.

Toorak, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Tottenham, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Ulverstone, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Uranquinty, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

National Security Act—

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Orders—

Declaration of pastoral companies.

Exemption.

National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Orders—

Exemptions (4).

Fixing of interest rates.

National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—

New South Wales, Queensland (2), and South Australia.

National Security (Field Peas Acquisition) Regulations—Order—

Field Peas (Tasmania) Acquisition.

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Controlled areas.

Control of lights.

Prohibited places.

Prohibiting possession of certain firearms.

Taking possession of land, &c. (144).

Use of land (18).

National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—

Protected undertakings (18).

Regulation of engagement of employees—Exemption.

National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders—

Deferment of banking business (5).

Restrictions on building (3).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 72, 73, 74, 78, 79, 89, 90, 91, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 124, 127, 128, 129, 130.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 94, 118.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 122.

Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 93.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance No. 8 of 1942—Liquor (Suspension of Special Permits).

Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 96.

12. POSTPONEMENT.—Senator Spicer moved—That Business of the Senate, Notices of Motion, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 3.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 16.

Noes, 16.

Senator—

Brand.

Cooper.

Foll.

Gibson.

Hayes, J. B.

Hays, Herbert.

Johnston, E. B.

Leckie.

McBride.

Senator—

McLachlan, A. J.

McLachlan, James.

McLeay.

Sampson.

Spicer.

Uppill.

Teller :

Senator Allan MacDonald.

Senator—

Amour.

Armstrong.

Arnold.

Arthur.

Ashley.

Brown.

Cameron.

Collings.

Courtice.

Senator—

Cunningham.

Darcey.

Fraser.

Keane.

Lamp.

Large.

Teller :

Senator Clothier.

The Ayes and Noes being equal, and so it was negatived.

13. NATIONAL SECURITY (CONTRACTS ADJUSTMENT) REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE.—

Senator Spicer, pursuant to notice, moved—That Statutory Rule No. 65 of 1942, under the *National Security Act 1939–1940* [National Security (Contracts Adjustment) Regulations], be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Senator A. J. McLachlan moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 16.

Noes, 16.

Senator—

Brand.

Collett.

Cooper.

Foll.

Gibson.

Hayes, J. B.

Hays, Herbert.

Leckie.

McBride.

Senator—

McLachlan, A. J.

McLachlan, James.

McLeay.

Sampson.

Spicer.

Uppill.

Teller :

Senator Allan MacDonald.

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Amour.

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Senator—

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Teller :

Senator Clothier.

The Ayes and Noes being equal, and so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Main question—put and negatived.

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

Debate ensued.

And the Senate having continued to sit until twelve o'clock midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at eighteen minutes past twelve, a.m. till this day at three p.m.

15. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Crawford and Wilson.

R. A. BROINOWSKI,

Clerk of the Senate.