

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 57.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1942.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

2. PRAYERS.

3. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—REVIEW OF THE WAR SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, made a Statement on the subject of International Affairs and the progress of the War, and laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—

By Command—

International Affairs—Review of the War Situation, 29th April, 1942—Ministerial Statement.

Senator McLeay moved—That the Paper be printed.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator McLeay have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

4. CHANGE IN MINISTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, informed the Senate that, owing to the exercise by the Prime Minister of wider powers relating to the higher defence policy in the south-west Pacific area, the portfolio of Minister of State for Defence Co-ordination, which position also was held by the Right Honorable J. Curtin, M.P., had been changed to that of Minister of State for Defence, and that on 14th April, 1942, Mr. Curtin was appointed to that office.

The Department of Defence Co-ordination would in future be known as the Department of Defence.

5. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE J. J. DALY.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, moved—That the Senate expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable John Joseph Daly, a former member of the Senate and Commonwealth Minister, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound 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 Senators E. B. Johnston, A. J. McLachlan, and the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane)—

And all Senators present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

Suspension of Sitting.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable J. J. Daly the sitting of the Senate was thereupon suspended till half-past four p.m.

And the Senate having resumed—

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

National Security Act—

National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Declaration—Prescribed Goods.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—

Declarations Nos. 71-92.

Declaration (Papua) No. 7.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 121, 158.

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

No. 13 of 1942—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 14 of 1942—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 15 of 1942—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; and Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 184.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Treasury—K. A. Davies.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 167, 174, 182.

Customs Act—

Proclamation, dated 8th April, 1942, prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of Cotton, absorbent and manufactures thereof; Glass, laminated; Salt.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 148.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 114, 120, 136, 166, 179.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Adelaide, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
Bairnsdale, Victoria—For Defence purposes (2).
Botany, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Caloundra, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
Cheltenham, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
Fairfield, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Forbes, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Kalgoorlie, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
Morwell, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Mudgee, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Muresk, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
North Stockton, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Rutherford, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
South Melbourne, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Terang, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Wellington, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Welshpool, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

National Security Act—

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.
National Security (Firearms and Explosives) Regulations—Order—Prohibiting possession of firearms and explosives by certain persons.
National Security (General) Regulations—
By-laws—Controlled areas.
Orders—
Control of Cork.
Control of Imported Spun Cotton.
Control of Lights.
Control of Rubber.
Control of Silk.
Inventions and designs (106).
Prohibited places (5).
Protected areas (2).
Requisitioning of Binoculars.
Requisitioning of property other than land (4).
Taking possession of land, &c. (255).
Use of land (59).
National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—
Protected undertakings (28).
Reserved occupations.
National Security (Prices) Regulations—
Orders Nos. 490–650.
Order (Papua) No. 11.
National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—
Orders—
Prisoners of War Correspondence (2).
Prisoners of War (Pay Arrangements).
Rules—Camp (6).
National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Order—Supply of banking statistics to Treasurer.
National Security (Timber Control) Regulations—Orders—Control of Timber (5).
National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—Orders—
Public Authority.
Rates of Contributions.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 81, 92, 112, 113, 125, 126, 132, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176, 177, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 195.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 180, 181, 183.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance No. 2 of 1942—Military Roads.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulation No. 4 of 1942—(Building and Services Ordinance).

7. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

8. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Business of the Senate, Order of the Day No. 1, be postponed until after the consideration of Government Business.

9. ORDER OF THE DAY DISCHARGED.—Ordered—That Business of the Senate, Order of the Day No. 2 [National Security (Employment of Women) Regulations—Motion for Disallowance], be read and discharged.

10. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING BILL 1942.—The Postmaster-General (Senator Ashley), by leave, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act relating to Broadcasting.
Question—put and passed.
Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Ashley, read a first time.
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 its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and passed, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.
Senator Ashley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of Senator Gibson the debate was adjourned.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
11. ORDER OF THE DAY DISCHARGED.—Ordered—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 1 (International Affairs—Progress of the War—Ministerial Statement); be read and discharged.
12. NATIONAL SECURITY (CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS) REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion by Senator Sampson, viz.—That Regulations 8, 9 and 10 of the National Security (Conscientious Objectors) Regulations, as contained in Statutory Rules 1942, No. 80, issued under the *National Security Act 1939–1940*, be disallowed.
Question—put and passed.
13. 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 five minutes to six p.m., till to-morrow at three p.m.
14. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Clothier and Wilson (on leave).

R. A. BROINOWSKI,
Clerk of the Senate.