

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 62.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 1942.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
4. NAVIGATION BILL 1942.—The Minister for External Territories (Senator Fraser), pursuant to notice, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend Part IX. of the *Navigation Act* 1912–1935 relating to Courts of Marine Inquiry.
Question—put and passed.
Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Fraser 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 Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.
5. LIGHTHOUSES BILL 1942.—The Minister for External Territories (Senator Fraser), pursuant to notice, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Lighthouses Act* 1911–1919.
Question—put and passed.
6. EXCISE BILL 1942.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), pursuant to leave granted on the 1st May, 1942, brought up a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Act* 1901–1934.
On the motion of Senator Keane the Bill was 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 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 4 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.

7. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 113.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908–1941’ , and for other purposes* ”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13th May, 1942.

JNO. HY. PROWSE,
Deputy 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 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 18 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.

8. LIGHTHOUSES BILL 1942.—The Minister for External Territories (Senator Fraser), pursuant to leave granted this day, brought up a Bill for an Act to amend the *Lighthouses Act 1911–1919*.

On the motion of Senator Fraser the Bill was 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.

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.

In the Committee.

Clause 1 read—

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again on the next day of sitting.

9. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL AND GIFT DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—Senator Courtice brought up the Report, dated 14th May, 1942, of the Committee appointed to consider the clauses of the Estate Duty Assessment Bill and the Gift Duty Assessment Bill.

10. MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 114.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Maternity Allowance Act 1912–1937’* ”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13th May, 1942.

JNO. HY. PROWSE,
Deputy 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 Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Bill was read a first time.

On the motion of Senator Keane the Bill was 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. EXCISE BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 118.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Excise Act 1901–1934’* ”, and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 14th May, 1942.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

12. CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 116.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Child Endowment Act 1941'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 14th May, 1942.

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 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 13 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.

13. SALES TAX BILLS (Nos. 1 to 9) 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 115.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate Bills intituled :—

- "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1941'*";
- "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1941'*";
- "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1941'*";
- "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1941'*";
- "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1941'*";
- "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1941'*";
- "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1941'*";
- "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1941'*";
- "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1941'*";

in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

JNO. HY. PROWSE,
Deputy Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13th May, 1942.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Questions with regard to the several stages for the passage through the Senate of all or several of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9 being put in one motion, at each stage, and the consideration of all or several of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—Senator Collings, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bills being passed through all their stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Bills were read a first time. Senator Keane moved—That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bills.

In the Committee.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 1) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 2) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 3) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 4) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 5) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 6) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 7) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 8) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 9) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bills 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.

Senator Keane moved—That the Bills be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bills read a third time.

And General Business taking precedence after 8 p.m.—

14. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That General Business, Order of the Day No. 1, be postponed till the next day of sitting.

And consideration of Government Business being resumed—

15. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*
—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 117.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1941'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 14th May, 1942.

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 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 6 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.

16. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Wednesday, 27th May next, at three p.m.

Question—put and passed.

17. 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 one minute past nine p.m. till Wednesday, 27th May next, at three p.m.

18. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Clothier and Wilson (on leave).

R. A. BROINOWSKI,
Clerk of the Senate.