

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 65.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1942.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. NEWSPAPER REFLECTIONS ON THE SENATE.—The President informed the Senate that, consequent upon the publication of an article in the *Sunday Telegraph* containing statements calculated to discredit the Senate and to bring it into contempt, he had called upon the *Daily Telegraph* and *Sunday Telegraph* newspapers to publish an apology. Having been informed that such an apology would not be published, the President stated he had instructed that the representatives of the newspapers in question should be excluded from the precincts of the Senate, including the public and press galleries, press rooms, lobbies, the King's Hall, the Library and the Refreshment Rooms, until his demand for an apology had been acceded to.

The President then laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—

Correspondence between the President of the Senate and representatives of the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Sunday Telegraph* newspapers of Sydney; and also the *Sunday Times* newspaper of Perth.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Senator Allan MacDonald, by leave, moved—That two weeks' leave of absence be granted to Senator Herbert Hays on account of ill-health.

Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 23 of 1942—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Williamstown, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Inventions and designs (124).

Taking possession of land, &c. (53).

Use of land (31).

National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (13).

National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Orders Nos. 23, 24, 25.

6. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

7. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 126.

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the Amendment made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914-1940'".

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1st June, 1942.

8. WIDOWS' 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. 127.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Widows' Pensions, and for other purposes", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has considered the Message of the Senate requesting the House to make certain Amendments in such Bill, and that the House of Representatives has made the Requested Amendments.

W. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1st June, 1942.

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Bill was read a third time.

9. INCOME TAX (WAR-TIME ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 122.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to make provision relating to the collection of taxes during the present war, and for other purposes", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1st June, 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.

Debate ensued.

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.

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.

10. STATES GRANTS (INCOME TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*
 —The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 123.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of financial assistance to States, and for other purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 1st June, 1942.

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 Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Keane 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.

11. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 124.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1941'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 1st June, 1942.

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 Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Keane 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.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 125.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 1st June, 1942.

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 Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Keane 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.

13. SUBMARINE ATTACK ON SYDNEY HARBOUR.—The Postmaster-General (Senator Ashley), by leave, made a Statement on the nature of the submarine attack on Sydney Harbour on Sunday, 31st May, and the morning of Monday, 1st June, and the manner in which it was defeated. Senator Ashley also gave details of casualties amongst naval ratings.

14. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
 Question—put and passed.

15. 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 twelve minutes to five p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

16. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Armstrong, Clothier, Herbert Hays (on leave), and Wilson (on leave).

R. A. BROINOWSKI,
Clerk of the Senate.