

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 82.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1942.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by the President :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Appropriation Act 1942-43* ”

“ *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1942-43* ”

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 Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 3rd October, 1942.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 34.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *States Grants Act 1942* ”

“ *Loan Act (No. 3) 1942* ”

“ *Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1942* ”

“ *Black Marketing Act 1942* ”

“ *Income Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1942* ”

“ *Income Tax Act (No. 2) 1942* ”

“ *War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1942* ”

“ *Superannuation Act 1942* ”

“ *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1942* ”

“ *Women's Employment 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 Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 6th October, 1942.

4. RURAL INDUSTRIES—JOINT COMMITTEE.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 170.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day :—That Mr. Breen be appointed to serve on the Joint Committee on Rural Industries.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 2nd October, 1942.

W. M. NAIRN,

Speaker.

5. JOINT MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SECRECY OF PROCEEDINGS.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, moved—That a joint meeting of Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives be convened, at 8 p.m. this day, for the purpose of discussing in secret the present war, and hearing confidential reports in relation thereto.

Question—put and passed.

6. SOCIAL SECURITY—JOINT COMMITTEE—FIFTH INTERIM REPORT.—Senator Cooper brought up the Fifth Interim Report of the Joint Committee on Social Security, dated 8th October, 1942.

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7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Documents relating to Lend-Lease and Reciprocal Lend-Lease Arrangements between the Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia and the United States of America.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Security Act—

National Security (Army Inventions) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and Designs (2).

National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Order—Military powers during emergency.

National Security (General) Regulations—

By-laws and Orders—Controlled and Protected Areas (2).

Orders—

Bread Control (South Australia).

Bread Industry (New South Wales).

Control of retail delivery of commodities.

Milk Vendors (South Australia).

Post and Telegraph censorship.

Prohibited places.

Prohibiting work on land (2).

Taking possession of land, &c. (153).

Use of land (10).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942—Nos. 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 410, 411, 412.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1941-42.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulation No. 8 of 1942 (Weights and Measures Ordinance).

War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1941-42, together with statements and balance-sheet.

8. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

9. STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER ADOPTION BILL 1942.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 171.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Commonwealth Legislation, to obviate Delays occurring in its Passage, and to effect certain related purposes, by adopting certain Sections of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, as from the Commencement of the War between His Majesty the King and Germany*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 8th October, 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.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 16.

Noes, 14.

Senator—

Amour.

Armstrong.

Arnold.

Arthur.

Ashley.

Aylett.

Brown.

Cameron.

Collings.

Senator—

Courtice.

Cunningham.

Fraser.

Keane.

Lamp.

Large.

Teller :

Senator Clothier.

Senator—

Brand.

Collett.

Cooper.

Foll.

Hayes, J. B.

Hays, Herbert.

Leckie.

McBride.

Senator—

McLachlan, A. J.

McLeay.

Sampson.

Spicer.

Uppill.

Teller :

Senator Allan MacDonald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of the Postmaster-General (Senator Ashley) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Ashley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

10. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at ten a.m.

Question—put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at ten minutes past six p.m. till to-morrow at ten a.m.

12. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Crawford, Gibson, James McLachlan, and Wilson.

R. A. BROINOWSKI,
Clerk of the Senate.