

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1934.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—TRADE AGREEMENT WITH BELGIUM—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing a Trade Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Belgium, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper—
Trade Agreement with Belgium—Statement by the Minister for Trade and Customs, together with Notes exchanged with the Consul-General for Belgium in Australia :
and moved, That the Paper be printed:
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF ARMS, ETC.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the alleged possession by unauthorized organizations in the Commonwealth of rifles, machine guns, ammunition, &c.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—AUSTRALIAN CONVERSION LOAN IN LONDON.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the over-subscription of the recent Australian Conversion Loan in London.
5. THE LATE KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that a reply had been received from the Belgian Government, conveying the thanks of the Government and people of Belgium, and deeply appreciating the expression of sympathy contained in the Resolution which was passed by the House of Representatives on the 28th June last.
6. THE LATE SIR ROBERT GIBSON.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Lady Gibson a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of Sympathy passed on the 28th June last.
7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Beasley rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The need for immediate legislation to prevent the further exploitation of the people of Australia by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company Limited".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Beasley moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

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Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McEwen
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Lyons	

Tellers:

Mr. Thomas Collins
Mr. Gardner

And so it was negatived.

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8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 139, 140.
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 144.
 Maternity Allowance Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 126.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance
 of 1934—No. 24—Building and Services.
 Trade Marks Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 133.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAACS A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum of One hundred and seventy-six thousand pounds for the purpose of Expenditure on certain Works and Services.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum of One hundred and seventy-six thousand pounds for the purpose of Expenditure on certain Works and Services.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Mr. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Casey then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Casey moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Marr, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Thompson.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.