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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 44.

FRIDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1935.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
3. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1935-36.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule—

Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth, £1,718,550—further debated.

Points of Order being raised that the Schedule should be considered by Departments—  
*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled that under the Standing Orders the Schedule could be considered as a whole, but the practice of the House was to consider it in such parts as suited the convenience and wishes of the Committee.

Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) moved, That the Schedule be considered by Parts.

Debate ensued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Ordered—That the Schedule be considered by Departments.

“The Parliament, £19,180”—agreed to.

“Prime Minister's Department, £66,140”—debated and agreed to.

“The Department of the Treasury, £154,520”—agreed to.

“The Attorney-General's Department, £34,840”—agreed to.

“The Department of the Interior, £70,710”—agreed to.

“The Department of Defence, £814,300”—debated and agreed to.

“The Department of Trade and Customs, £108,390”—agreed to.

“The Department of Health, £21,160”—debated and agreed to.

“The Department of Commerce, £69,050”—agreed to.

“Miscellaneous Services, £110,510”—agreed to.

“War Services, £249,750”—

Mr. Mulcahy moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.  
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens	Mr. Fisker	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Garden		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander	Mr. Jennings	
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McCall	Mr. McEwen

And so it was negatived.

“War Services” agreed to.

Remainder of Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see page 274*) the Bill was read a third time.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 38.*

Proposed Laws intitled—

“*Customs Tariff Validation Act (No. 2) 1935*”

“*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Act (No. 2) 1935*”

“*Special Annuity Act 1935*”

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.

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Canberra, 27th September, 1935.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MINISTERS OF STATE BILL (1935).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 39.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six 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 increase the maximum number of Ministers of State from nine to ten and to appropriate an amount for their salaries.

Canberra, 23rd September, 1935.

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. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to increase the maximum number of Ministers of State from nine to ten and to appropriate an amount for their salaries.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Lyons 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. Lyons, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lyons and Mr. Parkhill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Forde (Acting Leader of the Opposition) 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1935).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 40.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six 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 amend laws relating to Financial Emergency and for other purposes.

Canberra, 27th September, 1935.

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 amend laws relating to Financial Emergency and for other purposes.

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. Lyons 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.

Mr. Forde (Acting Leader of the Opposition) 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Frost, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Makin, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McBride, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Scullin, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Thompson.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.