

1934-35.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

No. 46.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1935.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—OIL FROM COAL.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the steps taken by the Government to investigate the production of Oil from Coal.
3. 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 desirability of appointing a Select Committee of this House to investigate the affairs of the Broken Hill Proprietary 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.
Mr. Beasley not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Mr. Beasley not having concluded his speech at the termination of the further time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Lane addressing the House—
Closure moved.—Mr. Ward moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.

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| Mr. Baker | Mr. G. W. Mahoney |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. W. Maloney |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. D. O. Watkins |
| Mr. Garden | |
| Mr. Albert Green | |
| Mr. Holloway | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. James | Mr. Gander |
| Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. George Lawson |

Noes, 37.

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| Mr. Aubrey Abbott | Mr. McCall |
| Mr. A. G. Cameron | Mr. McClelland |
| Sir Donald Cameron | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Menzies |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. J. V. Fairbairn | Mr. Nock |
| Mr. Fisker | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Sir Littleton Groom | Mr. Price |
| Mr. E. F. Harrison | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. E. J. Harrison | Mr. Scholfield |
| Mr. Hawker | Mr. Stacey |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. Street |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. White |
| Mr. Hunter | |
| Mr. Jennings | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lane | |
| Mr. Lyons | Mr. Gardner |
| Sir Charles Marr | Mr. Thompson |

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

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4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1935, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.
 Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 94.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1935—No. 14—Companies.
 Regulations Amended, &c., under—
 Building and Services Ordinance (Canberra Electric Supply).
 Fish Protection Ordinance.
 Motor Traffic Ordinance—
 Motor Hire Car.
 Motor Omnibus.
 Police Ordinance.
 Public Baths Ordinance.
 Stock Diseases Ordinance.

5. FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1935).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Curtin, viz. :—*That all the words after "That" be omitted, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof :—*"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for such alterations as would, without increasing the appropriation, provide for the complete restoration of the reductions in invalid and old-age pensions which were effected in the Principal Act"*—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 37.

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| Mr. Aubrey Abbott | Mr. McClelland |
| Mr. A. G. Cameron | Mr. McEwen |
| Sir Donald Cameron | Mr. Menzies |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Thomas Collins | Mr. Nock |
| Mr. J. V. Fairbairn | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Fiske | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
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| Mr. E. F. Harrison | Mr. Prowse |
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| Mr. Hawker | Mr. Stacey |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. Street |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Thorby |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. White |
| Mr. Jennings | |
| Mr. Lane | |
| Mr. Lyons | <i>Tellers:</i> |
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| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. D. O. Watkins |
| Mr. Forde | |
| Mr. Garden | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Gander |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. George Lawson |
| Mr. James | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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. 41.

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 amendments to be moved by the Assistant Treasurer to 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.

2nd October, 1935.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Assistant Treasurer to 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.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, by leave, was adopted by the House.

7. FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1935).—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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 10 agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

7A. Section four of the *Ministers of State Act* 1935 is amended by omitting the words "Thirteen thousand five hundred and sixty" and inserting in their stead the words "Thirteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-four".

The Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed : Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 279), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Supply Bill* (No. 2) 1935-36]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd October, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

—[*Ministers of State Bill* (1935)]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd October, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

9. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Frost, Mr. Gregory, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. Perkins, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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