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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 48.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1935.

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. DEATH OF MR. J. H. LISTER.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, 'That this House expresses its regret at the death of Mr. John Henry Lister, a former Member for the Division of Corio, places on record its appreciation of his public services, and tenders to his widow and family its deep sympathy in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted to the widow of the deceased ex-Member together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1934-35.
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1934-35.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1935—No. 15—Companies (Liquidation).
4. THE LATE SIR ELLIOTT LEWIS AND THE LATE SENATOR L. T. COURTENAY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received letters from Lady Lewis and Mrs. Courtenay thanking the House for its Resolutions of sympathy.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1935-36.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1935-36.

Vote—"Parliament, £950"—

Debate resumed on the Vote, and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Forde, viz.:—That the amount be reduced by £1.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. Noek
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fiske	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Garden		Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hunter	
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Remainder of Estimates agreed to.

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1935-36, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £3,352,230.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) 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.

7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence), was adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1935-36.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1935-36.

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1935-36, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £3,352,230.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

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

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

9. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1935-36.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A 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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Question—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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Parkhill, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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10. ITALO-ABYSSINIAN DISPUTE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 23rd September last*], viz. :—

Italo-Abyssinian Dispute—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—*and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Beasley, viz. :—*That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—
"this Parliament records grave concern and its profound horror at the prospect of a second world war developing out of the conflict of Imperial trading interests, and expresses its unflinching determination not to allow Australia to become involved, under any circumstances, notwithstanding any decision recorded at the League of Nations Council.

It views with alarm the action of the British Admiralty in despatching H.M.A.S. *Australia*, with an Australian crew, to the war zone, and requests the immediate recall of that vessel to Australian waters under the direct control of the Federal Defence Department.

It formally declares the neutrality of Australia, and instructs the Government to take all necessary steps to preserve such neutrality.

It declares that it will not support the application of sanctions under Article 16 or contribute a quota of military, naval and air force strength to an armed force for such purposes, as such action would involve Australia in war."

Debate resumed.

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) 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 a later hour this day.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1935).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend laws relating to Financial Emergency and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 9th October, 1935.

12. ITALO-ABYSSINIAN DISPUTE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 23rd September last*], viz. :—

Italo-Abyssinian Dispute—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—*and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Beasley (see entry No. 10)—*

Debate resumed.

Mr. Brennan addressing the House and 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.

Debate continued.

Sir Donald Cameron 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.

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

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 43.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Financial Relief 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 Law.

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14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen 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. Blain, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. Gregory, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Perkins, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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