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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 49.

THURSDAY, 10TH 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. REFERENDUM, INITIATIVE AND RECALL.—Mr. W. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1) That, in view of the following facts, namely—
 - (a) that the people of Australia are overtaxed without their permission by vote ;
 - (b) that the estimated wealth of Australia, public and private, is £5,000,000,000 as compared with Australia when owned by the aboriginals ;
 - (c) that the people are born, live for a time, and die, without being directly benefited by such wealth ;
 - (d) that the time has arrived when, to prevent Fascism and similar evils, the people should have the power of control over the Government,
 it is the opinion of this House that the Referendum, Initiative and Recall should be included in the Commonwealth Constitution, and in so far as it is necessary to give to the people full powers to initiate legislation the Constitution should be amended.
 - (2) That, contingent upon the passing of such motion, it be an instruction to the Government of the day to bring in a Bill and take such further action as is necessary to carry into effect this resolution.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) 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 Thursday, 31st October.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 31st October.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
5. 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. Albert Green 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN APPROPRIATION BILL (1935).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by the Deputy-Speaker (Mr. E. F. Harrison) :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 44.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 25th September, 1935.

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

10th October, 1935.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

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.

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, after debate.

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 Bill was read a third time.

7. 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. 5)—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Lane 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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1935-36.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 10th October, 1935.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Lane moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House proceeded to divide, but the Tellers appointed for the Noes refusing to act, Mr. Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

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

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