

1934-35.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 69.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 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. D. STORRER.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its regret at the death of Mr. David Storrer, a former Member for the Division of Bass in the House of Representatives, places on record its appreciation of his public services, and tenders its deep sympathy to his relatives 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.
3. DEATH OF MR. W. N. HEDGES.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. William Noah Hedges, a former Member for the Division of Fremantle, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to the members of his family 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.
4. TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RELATIVES OF DECEASED.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit the foregoing Resolutions to the relatives of the deceased ex-members specified therein, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.  
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Fifteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1934-35 (including the Sir Samuel McCaughey Bequest for the Technical Education of Soldiers' Children).  
Northern Australia Survey Act—Report of Committee appointed to direct and control the Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia, for period ended 30th June, 1935.  
Superannuation Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1934-35.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PORT AUGUSTA-RED HILL RAILWAY.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to negotiations with the Government of South Australia in connexion with the Construction of the Port Augusta-Red Hill Railway.
7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the progress made in carrying out a search for Air-Commodore Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, missing on an aeroplane flight between England and Australia.
8. THE LATE MR. J. H. LISTER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Lister a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.

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9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Nationality Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 114.  
 Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 112.  
 Public Service Act—Appointment of C. D. Parker, Department of Health.  
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1935—No. 17—City Area Leases (No. 2).
10. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to exemptions from Sales Tax.  
 Question—put and passed.
11. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) withdrew Notices of Motion Nos. 2 to 10, standing in his name, for leave to bring in Bills for Acts to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9) 1930-1935*.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.
13. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—CENSURE MOTION.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That because of the gross partiality displayed by the Chairman of Committees (Mr. J. H. Prowse) he be declared unfit to continue in that office.  
 Debate ensued.  
*Closure*.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) 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, 42.

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

Noes, 23.

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. Scullin
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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
 The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.

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
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Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
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And so it was negatived.

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14. QUORUM IN COMMITTEE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker referred to the fact that during recent debates reference had been made to the number of Members required to form a Quorum in Committee, and informed the House that in 1906 Mr. Speaker Holder had given a Ruling that twenty-four Members and the Chairman in the Chair constituted a Quorum within the provisions of the Constitution. All succeeding Speakers had concurred in that Ruling.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MEAT EXPORT CONTROL BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 75.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Export of Meat*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Amendments of the House of Representatives upon Amendment No. 1 of the Senate.

The Senate,

Canberra, 27th November, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,

President.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL 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. 60.

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 the *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924-1934* and for other purposes.

Canberra,

21st November, 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. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924-1934* and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Thorby do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Forde 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.

17. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES, RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION BILL AS URGENT LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) declared—

(a) That the Estimates of Expenditure are of an urgent nature ;

(b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are Urgent Resolutions ; and

(c) That the Appropriation Bill is an Urgent Bill.

Question—That the Estimates of Expenditure be considered of an urgent nature, that the Resolutions be considered Urgent Resolutions, and that the Appropriation Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

27th November, 1935.

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

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Baker	Mr. Holloway
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. James
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock	Mr. Clark	Mr. Martens
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price	Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart		
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White		
Mr. Hutchinson			
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Allotment of Time.*—Mr. Casey then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Estimates, the Resolutions, and the stages of the Appropriation Bill, be as follows:—

(1) Estimates—	Time allotted.
The Department of the Interior .. .. .	1½ hours.
The Department of Defence .. .. .	2 hours.
The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	¾ hour.
The Department of Health .. .. .	½ hour.
The Department of Commerce .. .. .	½ hour.
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	} ¾ hour.
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	
Advance to the Treasurer .. .. .	} 2½ hours.
War Services payable out of Revenue .. .. .	
Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	} ¾ hour.
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	
Northern Territory .. .. .	} ¾ hour.
Federal Capital Territory .. .. .	
Papua .. .. .	} ½ hour.
Norfolk Island .. .. .	
Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution .. .. .	
Ways and Means Resolution, and adoption of Resolution .. .. .	
(2) Appropriation Bill—All stages .. .. .	

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Holloway
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street		
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lyons			
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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18. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1935-36.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"The Department of the Interior, £400,400"—

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1. Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At ten o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

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

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

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 37.
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. A. G. Cameron
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Sir Donald Cameron
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Casey
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Thomas Collins
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn
Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Fiskin
Mr. Drakeford		Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Forde		Sir Littleton Groom
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Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander	Mr. E. J. Harrison
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hawker
Mr. James		Mr. Holt
		Mr. Hutchinson
		Mr. Jennings
		Mr. Lane
		Mr. John Lawson
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		Sir Frederick Stewart
		Mr. Street
		Mr. Thorby
		Mr. White
		<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"The Department of Defence, £4,636,200"—debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1935.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At seven minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Frost, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Makin, Mr. McBride, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Ward.

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