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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 96.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY, 1936.

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. PAPERS. The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :

Arbitration Convention of 25th October, 1905—Renewal—Exchange of Notes between the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, and the Government of Iceland ; London, 10th October, 1935.

Extradition Convention (Supplementary) between the United Kingdom and Switzerland ; signed at Berne, 19th December, 1934.

Legal Proceedings Convention (Supplementary) between the United Kingdom and Czechoslovakia ; signed at Prague, 15th February, 1935.

War Graves—Agreement between the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India, and the German and French Governments ; signed at Berlin, 20th December, 1935.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 56.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Industrial Board Ordinance—Regulations (Election).

3. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow. Question—put and passed.

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

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 81.

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 consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Incomes.

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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 (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Incomes.

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.

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5. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole:

(In the Committee.)

Postponed clause 183 agreed to.
The Schedule agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the House, by leave, adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having asked leave of the House to move a Want of Confidence Motion, without notice, Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the Leader of the Opposition to move a motion without notice, and that such motion take precedence of all other Business until disposed of.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

7. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) thereupon moved, That this House censures the Commonwealth Government for its failure to promote the adoption of the 40-hour week in Australia, in accordance with public opinion of the Commonwealth and with the principle embodied in the Draft Convention adopted, with the support of the Commonwealth Government delegate, at the 1935 Session of the International Labour Conference. Debate ensued.

Distinguished Visitor.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Governor of the State of Queensland and formerly a Member of the House of Commons, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

Debate continued.

Mr. Holt moved, as an amendment, That the words " censures the Commonwealth Government for its failure " be omitted with a view to inserting in place thereof the words " approves the action taken by the Commonwealth Government ".

Point of Order.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) raised a Point of Order that the amendment was out of order on the ground that it was a direct negative of the motion.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker upheld the Point of Order for the reason stated.

Debate on motion continued.

Mr. A. G. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That all the words after " House " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" notes the action taken by the Commonwealth Government to promote the adoption of the 40-hour week in Australia, in accordance with public opinion of the Commonwealth and with the principle embodied in the Draft Convention adopted, with the support of the Commonwealth Government delegate, at the 1935 Session of the International Labour Conference, and commends the proposal for an inquiry into the application of this principle to Australia and urges the trade union movement to co-operate with the Government to that end ".

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Thompson 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, 35.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nock	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Ward
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hunter	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street	Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby	Mr. James	
Mr. Lane	Mr. White	Mr. Makin	
Mr. John Lawson			
Mr. Lyons	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. McCall			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fisker	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde		Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frost		Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander	Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	
		Mr. Lyons	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. McCall	

And so it was negatived.

Further question proposed—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Baker addressing the House—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. John Lawson moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Baker addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at two minutes to one o'clock in the morning, 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. Thomas Collins, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Albert Green*, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. E. F. Harrison*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Menzies*, and Mr. Earle Page*.

* On leave.

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