

1934-35-36.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 100.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of this month.
Question—put and passed.
3. 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.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Aboriginals Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
5. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1934-35.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1934-35.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1934-35, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

Part I.—Departments and Services other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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I.—The Parliament	8,960
II.—The Prime Minister's Department	7,762
III.—The Department of the Treasury	5,638
IV.—The Attorney-General's Department	6,607
V.—The Department of the Interior	19,584
VI.—The Department of Defence	82,630
VII.—The Department of Trade and Customs	14,029
VIII.—The Department of Health	2,245
IX.—The Department of Commerce	33,829
X.—Miscellaneous Services	348,321
XI.—Refunds of Revenue	40,222
XII.—War Services	9,385

Total Part I. 579,212

Part II.—Business Undertakings.

I.—Commonwealth Railways	23,027
II.—Postmaster-General's Department	38,268

Total Part II. 61,295

Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.

Northern Territory	10,504
Federal Capital Territory	17,079
Papua	4,022

Total Part III. 31,605

Total 672,112

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1934-35.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1934-35 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £17,513.

Debate ensued.

Questions—put and passed.

Resolutions 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. Casey (Treasurer) 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 RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), were adopted by the House.
8. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1934-35.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1934-35.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1934-35, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £672,112.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1934-35.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1934-35, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £17,513.

Questions—put and passed.

Resolutions 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Mr. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

9. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1934-35.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five*", 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. 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. Casey, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1934-35.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", 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. 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. Casey, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 85.*

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States.

Canberra,

26th March, 1936.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States.

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. Hunter 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.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 86.*

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Canberra,

10th March, 1936.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

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. Hunter 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.

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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.
 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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—APPROPRIATION (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,
 Governor-General.

Message No. 87.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States.

Canberra,
 12th May, 1936.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States.

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. Parkhill 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

14. STATES GRANTS (LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—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—
 Debate resumed.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Curtin moved, as an amendment, That the words “ any gas, electricity, water supply or sewerage undertaking, or the erection of any public hospital or of any public institution for maternal or infant welfare, where the work is constructed, controlled or maintained by a public authority ” (page 1, lines 12–16) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words “, in respect of any State, work declared by the Government of such State to be a public work ” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

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On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—

Page 1, lines 12–16, omit “any gas, electricity, water supply or sewerage undertaking, or the erection of any public hospital or of any public institution for maternal or infant welfare, where the work is constructed, controlled or maintained by a public authority”, insert “, in respect of any State, work declared by the Government of that State and approved by the Treasurer to be a public work.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated.

Member named and suspended.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) named the honorable Member for Barton (Mr. Lane) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved That the honorable Member for Barton be suspended from the service of the Committee.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lane
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. Price	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Clark	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Holt	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Bernard Corser	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street	Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Ward	Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. White	Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Sir Charles Marr		Mr. James	
Mr. McBride	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McClelland	Mr. McEwen		
Mr. Nock			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstance to the House.

Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Barton (Mr. Lane) be suspended from the service of the House.

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

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Baker	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Beasley	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Clark	Mr. McCall
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Price
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Frost	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Ward	Mr. Garden	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White	Mr. E. J. Harrison	
Mr. John Lawson		Mr. Holloway	
Mr. McBride	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gander
Mr. Nock	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Lane	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Parkhill			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 6 further considered.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 27, omit “paid”, insert “applied”.

Page 2, line 28, omit “to public authorities”.

Page 2, line 33, after “thirty-five” insert “, and not directly controlled by the Government of the State”.

On the motion of Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence), the following further amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 3, line 24, omit “rural” (twice occurring), insert “extra-metropolitan”.

Mr. Garden moved, as a further amendment, That paragraph (e), as amended, be omitted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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Mr. Curtin moved, as a further amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause:—

“(i) It shall be a condition precedent to any payment to a State that the legislature of such State shall have provided for the observance by each public authority of such State of the terms of any award of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration which may be applicable to the work carried out by such public authority.”.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 18.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the paragraph proposed to be added be so added—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins
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Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey moved, That the Report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

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, 28.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Casey	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
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Mr. Garden	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the report be adopted—was put accordingly, and passed.
Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

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

And then the House, at twelve minutes to three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.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. G. W. Mahoney, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Menzies*, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Stacey, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

* On leave.

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