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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 101.

THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 1936.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—(CIVIL AVIATION GROUND ORGANIZATION.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the steps taken by the Government to improve the Ground Organization for Civil Aviation.
4. PAPERS:—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Beer Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 61.
Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 59.
Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 60.
5. APPROPRIATION (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) 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 Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 602) the Bill was read a third time.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
7. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. F. W. Parkinson, P. Campbell and H. McTaggart, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 13th March, 1935, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report be adopted, with the exceptions that the name "Ballarat" be substituted for the name "Ballaarat" and that the name "Deakin" be substituted for the name "Mernda"—
Debate resumed.
Motion amended by Mr. Thomas Paterson, by leave, by omitting the words "exceptions that the name 'Ballarat' be substituted for the name 'Ballaarat' and", and inserting the word "exception".
Motion, as amended, *viz.*:—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. F. W. Parkinson, P. Campbell and H. McTaggart, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 13th March, 1935, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report be adopted, with the exception that the name "Deakin" be substituted for the name "Mernda"—agreed to.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be further postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.
9. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. R. H. Bandy, J. P. Camm and S. R. H. Roberts, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 13th March, 1935, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report be adopted—
Debate resumed by Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—
"this House disapproves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by the Distribution Commissioners, and requests the Minister to direct the Distribution Commissioners to propose a fresh distribution of the said State".
Debate continued.

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Amendment amended by Mr. Curtin, by leave, by omitting the words "and requests the Minister to direct the Distribution Commissioners to propose a fresh distribution of the said State".

Amendment, agreed to.

Motion, as amended, viz. :—That this House disapproves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by the Distribution Commissioners—agreed to.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PETROLEUM OIL SEARCH BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 88.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act relating to the Encouragement of Drilling Operations in connexion with the search for Petroleum Oil in Australia and in the Territories of Papua and New Guinea.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act relating to the Encouragement of Drilling Operations in connexion with the search for Petroleum Oil in Australia and in the Territories of Papua and New Guinea.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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. Thomas Paterson, was adopted by the House.

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

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

Mr. Beasley 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.

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

Nauru—Ordinances of 1935—

No. 7—Census Repeal.

No. 8—Appropriation 1935.

No. 9—Nauruan Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation 1935.

No. 10—Appropriation (Supplemental) 1934.

No. 11—Nauruan Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation (Supplemental) 1934.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1936—No. 17—Wild Flowers and Native Plants Protection.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three 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. Forde, 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. Perkins, Mr. Stacey, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

* On leave.

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