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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 105.

THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1936.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 22nd May last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF SENATOR W. CARROLL.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator William Carroll, a former Member of the Western Australian and Commonwealth Parliaments, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders to his widow and family its sincere sympathy 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 THE HONORABLE S. MAUGER.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Samuel Mauger, a former Member of the Victorian and Commonwealth Parliaments and Commonwealth Minister of State, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders to his widow and family its sincere sympathy 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. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR ALBERT GOULD.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Lieutenant-Colonel the Honorable Sir Albert John Gould, K.B., V.D., a former Member of the New South Wales and Commonwealth Parliaments, and a former State Minister and President of the Senate, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service, and tenders to the members of his family its profound sympathy in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
5. TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RELATIVES OF DECEASED.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the relatives of the deceased the foregoing Resolutions, together with copies of the speeches delivered in connexion with them.
Question—put and passed.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 90.

Proposed Laws intituled—

“ *Wireless Telegraphy Act 1936* ”

“ *Removal of Prisoners (Territories) Act 1935* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,
North Sydney, 27th May, 1936.

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GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 91.

Proposed Laws intituled—

“ States Grants (Local Public Works) Act 1936 ”
“ Appropriation (Unemployment Relief) Act 1936 ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,
North Sydney, 27th May, 1936.

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 92.

Proposed Laws intituled—

“ Customs Tariff 1936 ”
“ Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1936 ”
“ Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1936 ”
“ Excise Tariff 1936 ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,
North Sydney, 27th May, 1936.

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 93.

Proposed Laws intituled—

“ Supplementary Appropriation Act 1934–35 ”
“ Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1934–35 ”
“ War Pensions Appropriation Act 1936 ”
“ Supply Act (No. 1) 1936–37 ”
“ Wool Tax Assessment Act 1936 ”
“ Wool Tax Act 1936 ”
“ Wool Publicity and Research Act 1936 ”
“ Petroleum Oil Search Act 1936 ”
“ Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1936 ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,
North Sydney, 28th May, 1936.

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 94.

A proposed Law intituled “ Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Admiralty House,
North Sydney, 2nd June, 1936.

7. THE LATE MR. J. T. PETHYBRIDGE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. J. T. Pethybridge a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
8. PETITION—SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. George Lawson having asked Mr. Speaker whether he could present a Petition from certain electors addressed to the Prime Minister—
Mr. Speaker ruled that a Petition for presentation to the House must be addressed to the House itself.
9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on the applications made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania for Financial Assistance in 1936–37 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.
Ordered to be printed.
10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that as a result of a recent decision by the Privy Council in regard to the Marketing of Dried Fruits, the Government had decided to seek an amendment of the Constitution, and an announcement of its exact nature would be made to the House as soon as possible.
11. PAPER[S].—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Errata in connexion with Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru during the year 1935, laid on the Table on the 22nd May last and ordered by the Senate to be printed.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute--

- Apple and Pear Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 64.
- Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1935-36.
- Bankruptcy Act—Rules Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 101.
- Census and Statistics Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 109.
- Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act and Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 66, 85.
- Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 71.
- Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 69, 86, 87, 92, 97, 103, 104.
- Dairy Produce Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 65.
- Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 108.
- Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 102.
- Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 75, 98, 100, 111, 112, 117.
- Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 99.
- Flax and Linseed Bounties Act—Return for year 1935-36.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 94.
- Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Return for year 1935-36.
- Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 72.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at--
 - Campbellfield, Victoria—For Quarantine purposes.
 - Darlinghurst, Sydney, New South Wales—For Telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services.
 - Darwin, Northern Territory—For Defence purposes.
 - Kalgoorlie, Western Australia—For Postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services.
 - Pendle Hill, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 - Rottneest Island, Western Australia (2)—For Defence purposes.
 - Saddleworth, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
- Meat Export Control Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 84, 91.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 70, 77, 78, 79, 107, 110, 118, 119.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 81.
- New Guinea Act—
 - Ordinance of 1935—No. 41—Uncontrolled Areas.
 - Ordinances of 1936—
 - No. 1—Appropriation (No. 2) 1935-36.
 - No. 2—Poor Persons' Legal Assistance.
 - No. 3—Hire-purchase Agreements.
 - No. 4—Customs.
 - No. 5—Marriage.
 - No. 6—Probate and Administration.
 - No. 7—Tenements Recovery.
 - No. 8—Superannuation.
 - No. 9—Customs Tariff.
 - No. 10—Motor Traffic.
 - No. 11—Maintenance Orders (New Zealand) (Facilities for Enforcement).
 - No. 12—New Guinea Antiquities.
 - No. 13—Judiciary.
 - No. 14—Mortgagors' Relief.
 - No. 15—Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement).
 - No. 16—Liquor.
 - No. 17—Public Service.
 - No. 18—Lands Registration.
 - No. 19—Companies.
 - No. 20—Cemeteries.
 - No. 21—Criminal Code Amendment.
 - No. 22—Supply 1936-37.
 - No. 23—Status of Married Women.
 - No. 24—Laws Repeal and Adopting.
 - No. 25—Instruments.
 - No. 26—Adoption of Children.
 - No. 27—Mines and Works Regulation.
 - No. 28—Petroleum.
 - No. 29—Native Labour.
 - No. 30—Mining.
 - No. 31—Shipping.
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1936--
 - No. 6—Licensing.
 - No. 7—Mining (Validation).
 - No. 8—Weights and Measures.
 - No. 9—Supreme Court.

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- Papua Act—Infirm and Destitute Natives Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees for year 1935–36.
- Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for year 1935–36.
- Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 89.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 113.
- Public Service Act—
- Appointments—Department—
- Attorney-General's—J. R. Crawford, G. Henshilwood, R. R. Michell, G. H. Rance, J. T. Stephenson, S. J. Watson.
- Commerce—A. N. Boulton.
- Health—A. M. Andrews, J. J. Gard, J. J. Lawrence, H. D. M. L. Murray, J. S. Wannan.
- Interior—W. G. Draper.
- Trade and Customs—E. H. Foster.
- Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 76, 88, 106.
- Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 82, 93.
- Railways Act—By-law No. 70.
- Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year 1935–36.
- Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 73.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
- Ordinances of 1936—
- No. 18—Bank Holidays.
- No. 19—Queanbeyan Lease.
- No. 20—Careless Use of Fire.
- No. 21—Canberra University College.
- No. 22—Hospital Tax.
- No. 23—Companies (Investigation of Affairs).
- No. 24—Poisons and Dangerous Drugs.
- No. 25—Companies (Investigation of Affairs) (No. 2).
- No. 26—Liquor.
- No. 27—Fish Protection.
- No. 28—Juvenile Offenders (Detention).
- No. 29—Leases.
- No. 30—Land Valuation.
- No. 31—City Area Leases.
- No. 32—Industrial Board (No. 2).
- No. 33—Advisory Council.
- No. 34—Queanbeyan Water Supply.
- No. 35—Plant Diseases.
- Regulations Amended, &c., under—
- Building and Services Ordinance.
- City Area Leases Ordinance.
- Hospital Tax Ordinance.
- Industrial Board Ordinance.
- Police Ordinance.
- Stock Ordinance.
- Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1935–36.
- Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 80, 105.
- Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 83.
- War Service Homes Act—
- Supplemental Agreement, dated 1st May, 1936, between the War Service Homes Commissioner and the State of Western Australia.
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 74.
- Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for year 1935–36.
- Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 90.
- Wool Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 95.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1936–37.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 95.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 1st September, 1936.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 96.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 1st September, 1936.

10th September, 1936.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

13. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division 1.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £7,900

be agreed to.

Progress 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.

14. PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1936–37—Papers presented by the Honorable R. G. Casey, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1936–37.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

15. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1936–37.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1936–37 a sum not exceeding £4,404,750.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 35.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Noek
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Lyons	
Mr. McCall	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Thompson

Noes, 20.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution 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.

16. 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.
17. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
18. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1936–37.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1936–37, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £4,404,750.

Question—put and passed.

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

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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 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. Lyons do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

19. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1936-37.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A 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-seven*”, 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.

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

Ayes, 36.			Noes, 21.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen		Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies		Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn		Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock		Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Bernard Corser	Sir Archdale Parkhill		Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson		Mr. Clark	Mr. Ward
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Perkins		Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price		Mr. Frost	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse		Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey		Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street		Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby			
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White			
Mr. Jennings				
Mr. Lane				
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>			
Mr. Lyons				
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner			
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Thompson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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.

20. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (*see* page 637), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £7,900

be agreed to.

Ordered—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1936-37.

Vote—“ Parliament, £60 ”—debated.

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.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN 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. 97.

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, 1st September, 1936.

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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 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. 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) 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.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past nine 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. Drakeford, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hawker, Mr. McBride, and Mr. Riordan.

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