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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 108.

THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 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 Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Income Tax in relation to Sale of Crown Leases—Report, dated 28th July, 1936, made to the Treasurer by Sir David Ferguson.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for year 1935-36.
3. THE LATE HONORABLE S. MAUGER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Mauger a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £45,500"—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £6,365"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Interior, £399,594"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Defence, £1,117,772"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £43,045"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Health, £25,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Repatriation Department, £123,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Commerce, £32,373"—agreed to.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £174,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £1,750,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Northern Territory, £93,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Federal Capital Territory, £363,631"—agreed to.

Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1936-37, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £4,173,340.

Question—put and passed.

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.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) 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.
6. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence), was adopted by the House.

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7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1936-37, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £4,173,340.

Question—put and passed.

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. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Archdale Parkhill, was adopted by the House.

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

8. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1936-37.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) 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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir Archdale Parkhill 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 Sir Archdale Parkhill, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting. Question—put and passed.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1936-37.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 132.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,

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11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
12. FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (No. 2) (1936).—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 by Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after “*That*” be omitted, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof:—“*this House is of opinion that, in view of the state of the Commonwealth finances as disclosed in the Budget, complete restoration of the reductions in the invalid and old-age pensions should be immediately made*”.  
Debate continued.  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Clark	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nock	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Archdale Parkhill	Mr. Forde	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Frost	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Garden	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street	Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White		
Mr. Hutchinson			
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Thomas Collins		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and postponed.

Clause 5 debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Postponed clause 4 considered, by leave, further debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 23 agreed to.

Clause 24 agreed to.

Clause 25 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 26 to 33 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 644) the Bill was read a third time.

**13. ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Riordan, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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