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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 132.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Sugar Agreement—Fifth Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee, for year ended 31st August, 1936.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EXCLUSION OF MRS. FREER UNDER IMMIGRATION ACT.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the exclusion from Australia of Mrs. Freer under the provisions of the Immigration Act.
4. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Viscount Elibank, C.M.G., D.S.O., a Member of the House of Lords, 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.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act and Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 149.  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1936—No. 19—Printers and Newspapers.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Attorney-General—W. D. McNiven.  
Interior—A. Brennan.  
Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Balance-sheet and Liquidation Account as at 29th February, 1936, with Auditor-General's Certificates.  
Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 148.
6. THE LATE SIR MURRAY ANDERSON.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Lady Anderson a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
7. THE LATE SIR LITTLETON GROOM.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Lady Groom a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"The Department of Commerce, £428,210"—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £1,149,430"—

Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £1,350,000"—

Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £2,000,000"—

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"War Services payable out of Revenue, £1,171,940"—debated—

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to six o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

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Vote—" Commonwealth Railways, £549,900 "—debated—

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes past six o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—" Postmaster-General's Department, £10,321,315 "—debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. John Lawson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. DARLING DOWNS ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Darling Downs, in the State of Queensland, in the place of the Honorable Sir Littleton Ernest Groom, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	..	..	Wednesday, 18th November, 1936.
Date of Nomination	..	..	Thursday, 3rd December, 1936.
Date of Polling	..	..	Saturday, 19th December, 1936.
Date of Return of Writ	..	..	On or before Friday, 15th January, 1937.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine 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. Barnard, Mr. Beasley, Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McEwen, Mr. D. O. Watkins, and Mr. White.

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