

1937.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1937.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LONDON CONVERSION LOAN.—Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Australian Conversion Loan recently issued in London.
3. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m. ; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m. ; and on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m. Question—put and passed.
4. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—
The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Thomas Joseph Collins, Esquire,
Eric Fairweather Harrison, Esquire,
John Norman Lawson, Esquire,
Norman John Oswald Makin, Esquire,
George William Martens, Esquire,
Walter Maxwell Nairn, Esquire,
Horace Keyworth Nock, Esquire, and
John Solomon Rosevear, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-second day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

GEORGE BELL,
Speaker.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Fibre Plants and their suitability for Commercial Production in Australia—Report by Professor A. E. V. Richardson and Dr. B. T. Dickson, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.
Nauru—
Ordinances of 1936—
No. 12—Motor Traffic.
No. 13—Wild Birds Preservation.
Ordinances of 1937—
No. 1—Leper Station and Hospital Enclosure.
No. 2—Customs Tariff Amendment.
No. 3—Extradition.
Motor Traffic Ordinance—Regulations.

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Oil from Coal—Second Report of Committee appointed to inquire into question of establishing a plant in Australia for production of oil from coal by hydrogenation process.

Oil Production from Coal viewed from an Australian standpoint—Report by Sir David Rivett, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Canberra University College—Report for 1936.

Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for relief from taxation dealt with during 1936.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1937—

No. 1—Appropriation (No. 3) 1935–1936.

No. 2—Customs Tariff.

No. 3—Liquor.

No. 4—Police Offences.

No. 5—Bills of Exchange.

No. 6—Shipping (Maritime Convention).

No. 7—Stamp Duties.

No. 8—Administration and Probate.

No. 9—Laws Repeal and Adopting.

No. 10—Motor Traffic.

No. 12—Fire Brigades.

No. 13—Appropriation (No. 2) 1936–1937.

No. 14—Supply 1937–1938.

No. 15—Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement).

No. 16—Ordinances Interpretation.

No. 17—Superannuation.

No. 18—Native Labour.

No. 19—Roman Catholic (Mission of the Holy Ghost) Property Trust.

No. 20—Roman Catholic (Marist Mission) Property Trust.

No. 21—Roman Catholic (Sacred Heart Mission) Property Trust.

No. 22—Lands Registration.

No. 23—Land.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinances of 1937—

No. 2—Darwin Administration.

No. 3—Darwin Rates.

No. 4—Income Tax.

No. 5—Aboriginals.

Regulations Amended, &c., under—

Darwin Administration Ordinance—

Darwin Public Cemetery.

General.

Lameroo Baths.

Licensing of Motor Vehicles.

Income Tax Ordinance.

Pearling Ordinance.

6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Ward addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.

7. SUPPLY.—Mr. Hughes (Minister for Health), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

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9. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 and Notice of Motion No. 1 be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 2 to 4.
10. STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER ADOPTION BILL (1937).—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the adoption of sections two, three, four, five and six of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
11. PATENTS BILL (1937).—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Patents of Inventions and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
12. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1937).—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Acts Interpretation Act* 1901–1932, to repeal the *Acts Interpretation Act* 1904–1934, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lane, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Archdale Parkhill, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scholfield, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. D. O. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.