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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 7.

MONDAY, 28TH 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—SITUATION IN SPAIN.—Mr. Menzies (Minister representing the Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing the present position in Spain and certain international actions in connexion with the conflict.
 3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ALIEN MIGRATION.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the admission of aliens into Australia.
 4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
 - Aluminiumware and Enamelledware n.e.i., but not including Stoves and Baths.
 - Black Printing Ink and Printing and Stencilling Inks n.e.i.
 - Cables, Telegraph and Telephone, paper-insulated lead-covered.
 - Cocoa Beans, Cocoa Butter and substitutes therefor, Caramel, Cocoa, Chocolate and Confectionery.
 - Electric Horns for motor vehicles.
 - Gas Meters of the consumers' type and parts thereof.
 - Gypsum, Plaster of Paris.
 - Porcelainware for electrical purposes.
 - Rennet.
 - Screws for wood.
 - Show Card Colours in liquid form.
 - Spray Pumps, hand operated, n.e.i.; Spray Pumps, foot operated; Garden Syringes; Lawn Sprinklers.
 - Sprocket and Chain Wheels for motor cycles.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
- Northern Territory—Report on Administration for 1935-36.
- Ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1936.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—R. J. Brown, A. E. R. Kennedy, H. M. Morrison, M. E. McShane, Department of Commerce.

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5. JUDICIARY 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 *Judiciary Act* 1903-1934 and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Menzies 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1937-38.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Forde, viz. :—* That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—

" this House directs the Government—

- (1) To increase the rate of invalid and old-age pensions to £1 per week and to liberalize the provisions of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* ;
- (2) To take whatever steps are necessary to ensure progressive reductions in the number of working hours and increases in living standards commensurate with increased powers of production due to the mechanization and speeding up of industry ; and
- (3) To give effect to the Prime Minister's pre-election promise made in 1934 that a great National Housing Scheme would be undertaken in conjunction with the States and local authorities."

Debate resumed.

Mr. Blackburn 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.

Mr. Rosevear 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—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. McBride	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 20.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. William Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith—put and passed.

7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1937-38.

Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1937-38 a sum not exceeding £5,776,890.

Debate ensued.

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.

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8. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Menzies (Acting 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.
9. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)***SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1937-38.**

Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1937-38, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £5,776, 890.

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 Mr. Menzies, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies and Mr. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

11. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1937-38.**—Mr. Menzies (Acting 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-eight*", and moved, That it now be read a first time.

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

Mr. Menzies 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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule—

"The Parliament, £37,710"—agreed to.

"The Prime Minister's Department, £79,720"—debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

"The Prime Minister's Department"—agreed to.

"The Department of External Affairs, £2,110"—debated and agreed to.

"The Department of the Treasury, £131,630"—debated and agreed to.

"The Attorney-General's Department, £32,520"—debated and agreed to.

"The Department of the Interior, £73,750"—debated and agreed to.

"The Department of Defence, £950,900"—debated and agreed to.

"The Department of Trade and Customs, £99,970"—debated and agreed to.

"The Department of Health, £20,880"—debated.

Mr. Baker addressing the Committee 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.

Suspension of Sitting.—At five minutes to eight o'clock a.m., the Chairman left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At two o'clock p.m., the Chairman resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

Mr. Menzies moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 35.			Noes, 22.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall	Mr. Baker	Mr. James	
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens	
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Frost		<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price	Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. George Lawson	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. Holloway		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby			
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White			
Mr. Hutchinson				
Mr. Lané	<i>Tellers:</i>			
Mr. John Lawson				
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner			
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 36.			Noes, 23.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini	
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. William Riordan	
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Frost		<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price	Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. George Lawson	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Holloway		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street	Mr. James		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby			
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White			
Mr. Lane				
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>			
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner			
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. DECLARATION OF SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1937-38 AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) declared that the Supply Bill (No. 1) 1937-38 was an Urgent Bill—

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

Ayes, 36.			Noes, 23.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini	
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. William Riordan	
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Frost		<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price	Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. George Lawson	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Holloway		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street	Mr. James		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby			
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White			
Mr. Lane				
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>			
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner			
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Allotment of Time.—Mr. Menzies then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

- (1) For the remainder of the Committee stage, until 5 o'clock p.m.
- (2) For the remaining stages, until 5.20 o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Mr. John Lawson addressing the House—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Ward moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. William Riordan	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frost		Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Garden		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander	Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B for the discussion of the motion for the allotment of time having expired—

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall	Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. William Riordan
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Frost	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price	Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1937-38.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Schedule debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Committee stage of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Remainder of the Bill be agreed to and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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14. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Articles for Games, Toys, Meccano Sets and Meccano Magazines.
Blown Glass Blanks for use in manufacture of Cut Glassware.
Cast Iron Pipes and Cast Iron Fittings for pipes.
Edible Fats n.e.i. and Lard; also findings on Cocoa Butter and substitutes thereof.
Electrical Insulating Sheets of Asbestos and Cement or similar materials.
Incandescent Mantles.
Internal Combustion Marine Engines.
Magnesia, Magnesium Carbonate, Magnesium Chloride and other like preparations.
Malleable Iron Castings.
Metal Washers n.e.i.
Roof Coverings in the piece, Floor Coverings, and similar materials, surfaced or unsurfaced, consisting of Felt, Textile, or Paper Base, impregnated or laminated with Bitumastic, Asphaltic, Tar or Pitch Emulsions or similar preparations; Damp-course and similar materials in sheets or rolls.
Tapestries of Wool or containing wool.
Tiles, viz. :—Flooring and Wall including Glazed, Ceramic, Mosaic, and Enamelled.
Weighing Machines, including computing Weighing Machines; Weighbridges; Scales and Balances, n.e.i., including Computing Scales and Balances; Tanners' Measuring Machines; Chemists' Counter Scales; Spring Balances and Steel-yards; Weights n.e.i., Combined Bagging, Weighing and Sewing Machines.
Wrought Iron and Malleable Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes, and Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes of less than 2 inches internal diameter.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1937—

No. 10—Amalgamated Engineering Union; Australasian Society of Engineers; Australian Workers' Union; Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen; Electrical Trade Union of Australia; and Federated Society of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, and Structural Iron and Steel Workers of Australia.

No. 11—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.

Public Service Act—Appointment—R. C. Shelston, Attorney-General's Department.

15. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eight o'clock p.m. this day.
Question—put and passed.
16. 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 ten minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until this day at eight o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Archdale Parkhill, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Scully, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.