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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 8.

TUESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1937.

1. The House met. at eight o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.--Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.--The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General--
 - New Guinea--Report to Council of League of Nations on Administration of Territory of New Guinea for 1935-36.
 - Tariff Board--Reports and Recommendations--
 - Chassis and Electrical Equipment for Trolley Buses.
 - Paper and Boards.
 - Piece Goods, Felt, of wool or containing wool--(a) Slipper Upper Felt; (b) n.e.i.: Piece Goods, Felt, composed of hair; Piece Goods, Felt, n.e.i.
 - Roofing Tiles and Asbestos Cement Sheets, &c.
 - Salt and Table Preparations thereof. Salt, n.e.i.
 - Transformers at voltages less than 66,000 between 10,000 K.V.A. and 20,000 K.V.A.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

 - Postmaster-General's Department--Twenty-sixth Annual Report, 1935-36.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute--

 - Defence Act--Regulations Amended--Statutory Rules 1937, No. 71.
 - Lands Acquisition Act--Bullsbrook, Western Australia--For Defence purposes.
 - Northern Australia Survey Act--Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia--Report of Committee for period ended 31st December, 1936.
 - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act--Regulations Amended under--
 - Darwin Administration Ordinance.
 - Electric Light and Power Ordinance.
 - Public Service Act--
 - Appointment--B. T. B. Stone, Department of the Interior.
 - Regulations Amended--Statutory Rules 1937, No. 74.
 - Railways Act--By-laws Nos. 74, 75, 76.
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act--Ordinances of 1937--
 - No. 6--Gun Licence.
 - No. 8--Canberra Community Hospital Board.
 - Building and Services Ordinance--Regulations Amended.
3. PRINTING OF PAPERS.--Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Reports and Recommendations of the Tariff Board, laid on the Table of the House at the previous sitting (*see* page 54), be printed.
Question--put and passed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.--GENEVA CONVENTION BILL.--Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:--

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to enable effect to be given to Article Twenty-eight of the International Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armies in the Field, signed at Geneva on the twenty-seventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and for purposes connected therewith", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th June, 1937.

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Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act relating to Therapeutic Substances and for other purposes* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th June, 1937.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.—FEDERAL AID ROADS AND WORKS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by the Commonwealth of Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to the Construction, Re-construction, Maintenance and Repair of Roads, and other Works connected with Transport, and to make provision for the carrying out thereof.

Canberra, 25th June, 1937.

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. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by the Commonwealth of Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to the Construction, Re-construction, Maintenance and Repair of Roads, and other Works connected with Transport, and to make provision for the carrying out thereof.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies, was adopted by the House.

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

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.

Mr. Menzies 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1937).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 3.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Canberra,
16th June, 1937.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

29th June, 1937.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed: Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies, was adopted by the House.

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

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.

Mr. Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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 Mr. Menzies, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. TRANSPORT WORKERS BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Beasley 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.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 7 be postponed until a later hour this day.
11. JUDICIARY BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Blackburn 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.
12. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Brennan 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.
13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PRIMARY PRODUCERS RELIEF BILL (1937).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend section five of the *Primary Producers Relief Act 1935-1936*.

Canberra, 24th June, 1937.

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. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend section five of the *Primary Producers Relief Act 1935-1936*.

29th June, 1937.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thorby and Mr. Hunter do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby 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.

14. LONDON NAVAL TREATY BILL (1937).—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION.—

The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—

Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 2 for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the London Naval Treaty Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith, and that the second reading of the Bill (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session), be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

15. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT-OUT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Baker addressing the House—

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

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Ward called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time,

Mr. Speaker thereupon, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned the House 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. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. E. J. Harrison, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Archdale Parkhill, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Scully, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. D. O. Watkins.

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