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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 10.

THURSDAY, 1ST JULY, 1937.

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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SITUATION IN SPAIN.—Mr. Menzies (Minister representing the Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to recent international developments in connexion with the conflict in Spain.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EXPORT OF SCRAP METALS.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to a request for an embargo on the export of certain scrap metals.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WHEAT FREIGHTS.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in relation to the methods of determining freight and charter rates for shipments of wheat from Australia.
5. MEMBER NAMED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Dalley (Mr. Rosevear) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
Mr. Rosevear having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.
6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :—
Canberra Community Hospital—
Report of Inquiry conducted by the Hospitals Commission of New South Wales.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
New Guinea Act—Ordinance No. 11 of 1937—Licences.
Papua Act—Ordinance No. 2 of 1937—Bank Holidays.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FEDERAL AID ROADS AND WORKS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 9.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
P. J. LYNCH,
President.
The Senate,
Canberra, 1st July, 1937.
8. PATENTS 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.
9. JUDICIARY BILL (1937).—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.
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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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10. **MEDICAL RESEARCH ENDOWMENT BILL.**—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.

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. Hughes (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1937* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 1st July, 1937.

12. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PRIMARY PRODUCERS RELIEF BILL (1937).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section five of the ‘ Primary Producers Relief Act 1935–1936 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st July, 1937.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

13. **ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1937).**—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.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1935–36.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra,
17th June, 1937.

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra,
17th June, 1937.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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15. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1935-36.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1935-36.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1935-36, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

Part I.—Departments and Services—other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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The Parliament	6,071
The Prime Minister's Department	20,962
The Department of the Treasury	20,379
The Attorney-General's Department	5,285
The Department of the Interior	24,479
The Department of Defence	88,004
The Department of Trade and Customs	21,242
The Department of Health	981
The Department of Commerce	17,517
Miscellaneous Services	136,009
Refunds of Revenue	132,887
War Services	80,695
Total Part I.	554,511

Part II.—Business Undertakings.

Postmaster-General's Department	78,242
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Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.

Northern Territory	10,453
Federal Capital Territory	32,297
Papua	747
Norfolk Island	3,200

Total Part III. 46,697

Total 679,450

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1935-36.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1935-36 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £190,831.
 Questions—put and passed.
 Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

16. 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.

17. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer), were adopted by the House.

18. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1935-36.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1935-36.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1935-36, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £679,450.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1935-36.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1935-36, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £190,831.

Questions—put and passed.

Resolutions 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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The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Menzies, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies and Mr. Thorby do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

19. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1935-36.—Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six* ”, 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.

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.

20. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1935-36.—Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, 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.

21. WAYS AND MEANS—PRIMARY PRODUCE EXPORT CHARGES.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved—

1. That, subject to a lower rate being prescribed by regulations made under the *Primary Produce Export Charges Act 1935*, as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, in respect of any of the kinds of primary produce to which that Act, as so amended, applies, a charge, at the rates hereunder respectively specified, shall, on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation issued under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, be imposed on the following primary produce exported from the Commonwealth to any place other than the United Kingdom or the Continent of Europe :—

On fresh apples . . . Per case, two half-cases or three trays . . . Three-eighths of One Penny.

On fresh pears . . . Per case, two half-cases or three trays . . . Three-eighths of One Penny.

2. That, where the Governor-General has, by order published in the *Gazette*, after report to the Minister by any organization prescribed by the regulations under the *Primary Produce Export Charges Act 1935*, or under that Act as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, exempted, either unconditionally, or subject to such conditions or in respect of such period (if any) as were specified in the order of exemption, any primary produce to which the *Primary Produce Export Charges Act 1935*, as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, applies, from the charges imposed by or under that Act as so amended, the Governor-General may, by order published in the *Gazette*, cancel the exemption and thereupon those charges shall, from the date fixed by the order, become payable in respect of that kind of primary produce.

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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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22. PRIMARY PRODUCE EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1937).—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Primary Produce Export Charges Act 1935'*", 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.

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

Suspension of Sitting.—At thirteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At nineteen minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

23. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Judiciary Bill (1937)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903-1934' and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st July, 1937.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Medical Research Endowment Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to constitute a Fund to be utilized for the purposes of Medical Research*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 1st July, 1937.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1935-36*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

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President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1935-36*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Primary Produce Export Charges Bill (1937)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Primary Produce Export Charges Act 1935'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st July, 1937.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

24. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—A. McSweeney, Department of the Interior.

25. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

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26. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

27. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Fisker, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Jennings, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McBride, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Archdale Parkhill, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Scully, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.