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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1937.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 1st July last.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk, at the Table, having informed the House that Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees (Mr. Prowse) took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. DEATH OF SENATOR J. V. MACDONALD.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator John Valentine MacDonald, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
4. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE A. BRUCE SMITH.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Arthur Bruce Smith, K.C., a former Member of the New South Wales and Commonwealth Parliaments, and a former State Minister, places on record its appreciation of his valuable public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
5. TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RELATIVES OF DECEASED.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker be requested to transmit to the relatives of the deceased the foregoing Resolutions, together with copies of the speeches delivered thereon.  
Question—put and passed.
6. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the sitting was thereupon suspended until four o'clock p.m.
7. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At four o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 9.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Federal Aid Roads and Works Act 1937* ”

“ *Primary Producers Relief Act 1937* ”

“ *Judiciary Act 1937* ”

“ *Medical Research Endowment Act 1937* ”

“ *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1935-36* ”

“ *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1935-36.* ”

“ *Primary Produce Export Charges 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 Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 3rd July, 1937.

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## 9. MONETARY AND BANKING SYSTEMS—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—

Report of the Royal Commission on Monetary and Banking Systems, dated 16th July, 1937—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

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.

10. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Health and Pensions Insurance—Report by Sir Walter S. Kinnear, Controller of Insurance  
Department, Ministry of Health, London.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on applications made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, for Financial Assistance in 1937-38 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.

Ordered to be printed.

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 81.

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

No. 12—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and others; Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union; Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association; Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation and others; Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 13—Amalgamated Engineering Union; Australasian Society of Engineers; Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen; Australian Workers' Union; Electrical Trades Union of Australia; and Federated Society of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, and Structural Iron and Steel Workers of Australia.

No. 14—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals—Reports from 1st July, 1936, to 30th June, 1937.

Customs Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1937—Nos. 72, 73.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, Nos. 76, 79.

Financial Relief Acts—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 84.

Jury Exemption Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 75.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Bullsbrook, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Coffs Harbour, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Junga, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Nailsworth, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, Nos. 80, 89.

Papua Act—Infirm and Destitute Natives Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees for year 1936-37.

Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for year 1936-37.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General—L. H. Walker.

Commerce—L. Moody.

Interior—L. C. Bell, J. H. Glasscock, J. J. Hogan, J. W. Lillywhite, W. S. Lucas, A. R. Martin and P. Squires.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, Nos. 78, 87, 90, 91.

Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year 1936-37.

Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1936-37.

Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 82.

Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for year 1936-37.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 77.

## 11. IMPERIAL CONFERENCE, 1937—SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—

Imperial Conference, 1937—Summary of Proceedings—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

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

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

Mr. Lyons continuing to address the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the further time allowed—

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

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.

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12. MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER—EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Chairman of Committees shall, on each sitting day, during the absence of Mr. Speaker, take the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and perform the duties and exercise the authority of Mr. Speaker during such absence.  
Question—put and passed.
13. MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER—TEMPORARY RELIEF.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, during the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the Deputy-Speaker be authorized to call upon any of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees to relieve him temporarily in the Chair.  
Question—put and passed.
14. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—INTERNATIONAL SUGAR CONFERENCE.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the International Sugar Conference, held in London, during April and May, 1937.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NATIONAL OIL PROPRIETARY LIMITED AGREEMENT BILL. — The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 10.*

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part, the State of New South Wales of the Second Part, and National Oil Proprietary Limited of the Third Part, and for other purposes.

Brisbane,

22nd August, 1937.

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

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

*(In the Committee.)*

Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part, the State of New South Wales of the Second Part, and National Oil Proprietary Limited of the Third Part, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed : Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Sir Archdale Parkhill 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 Sir Archdale Parkhill, was adopted by the House.

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

Sir Archdale Parkhill 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.

Sir Archdale Parkhill moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Forde 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.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES' GRANTS BILL (1937).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 11.*

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 sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Brisbane,

23rd August, 1937.

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

24th August, 1937.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Casey (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 sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.  
Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Sir Archdale Parkhill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Casey 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. Casey 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.

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

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 12.*

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 War Pensions.

Brisbane,

23rd August, 1937.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Casey (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 War Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Casey 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. Casey 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.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CITRUS FRUITS BOUNTY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 13.*

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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Citrus Fruits from the Commonwealth during the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

Sydney,

24th August, 1937.

24th August, 1937.

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

Mr. Deputy-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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Citrus Fruits from the Commonwealth during the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

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. Forde 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.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to 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. Bell, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, and Mr. Scholfield.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*