

1937.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

FRIDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1937.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.--Mr. Deputy-Speaker (Mr. Prowse) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS. The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :—
League of Nations—International Convention concerning the use of Broadcasting in the cause of Peace.
Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters—Conventions between the United Kingdom and—
Hungary.
Lithuania.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1937-38. --The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

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 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 27th August, 1937.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

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 Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 27th August, 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.

4. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT]. --The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division 1.--The Senate--nameiy--

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be agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

5. PAPER. Mr. Casey (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :—
The Budget, 1937-38. Papers presented by the Honorable R. G. Casey, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1937-38.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

6. SUPPLY RESOLUTION SUPPLY BILL.--The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

27th August, 1937. -

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1937-38.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1937-38 a sum not exceeding £8,323,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay. Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1937-38.

Mr. Casey (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 £8,323,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn 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. 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.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1937-38.—Mr. Casey (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 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. 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.
11. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1937-38.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (*see* page 79), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division 1.—The Senate—namely—

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be agreed to.

Ordered—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of the Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1937-38.

Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £40,100"—debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT. — Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Bell, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McBride, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Scholfield, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.