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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 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. MEMBER SWORN.—Josiah Francis, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND 40-HOUR WEEK—REPORTS OF CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH AND STATE MINISTERS AND OF COMMITTEE OF OFFICERS.—Mr. Page (Minister for Commerce) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Papers:—
Unemployment Insurance and 40-hour Week—Report of Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers, held on 13th August, 1937;
Unemployment Insurance—Report, dated 9th September, 1937, of the Committee of Officers of Commonwealth and State Governments.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the Papers be printed.
Mr. Curtin not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LICENSING OF IMPORTS.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of a change proposed to be made in the licensing system in connexion with the importation of certain goods.
5. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS—TWENTY-THIRD SESSION—REPORTS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Hughes (Minister for External Affairs) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper:—
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Twenty-third Session, held at Geneva, June, 1937—Reports of the Australian Delegates, together with Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted—
and moved, That the Reports 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.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—KINGSFORD SMITH AERODROME, MASCOT, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Kingsford Smith Aerodrome, Mascot, New South Wales—Erection of a Terminal Building.
Mr. McEwen having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
7. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House at twelve o'clock noon to-morrow.
Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
8. THE LATE HONORABLE SIR GRANVILLE RYRIE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Lady Ryrie a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.

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9. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Henry Gullett rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The action of the Treasurer in having taken into the general declared surplus for the year 1936-37, and for having taken into general expenditure account for the current financial year (for which the surplus is estimated at £20,000) revenue amounting approximately to £700,000 resulting from a tax of .7d. per pound (weight) upon imported motor chassis and parts submitted to Parliament and agreed to by Parliament for the specific purpose of accumulating a fund to be used as a bounty for the encouragement of the manufacture of motor car engines within Australia".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Sir Henry Gullett moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Page
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Casey	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Collins	Mr. Price
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Frost	Mr. Spender	Mr. Francis	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Green	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Gregory	Sir Frederick Stewart
Sir Henry Gullett		Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
Mr. Makin		Mr. Jolly	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Nock
		Mr. McEwen	

And so it was negatived.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Taxation—Nineteenth Report of the Commissioner, years 1935-36: Land Tax, Income Tax, Estate Duty; 1936-37: Sales Tax.

Ordered to be printed.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances of 1937—

No. 9—Conveyancing (No. 2).

No. 10—Education.

No. 11—Marriage.

Papua Act—Ordinances of 1937—

No. 4—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

No. 5—Customs Tariff.

No. 6—Bills of Exchange.

No. 7—Seamen (Unemployment Indemnity).

No. 8—Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement).

No. 9—Public Service (Officers Investments).

No. 10—Customs (Export) Tariff.

No. 11—Supplementary Appropriation, 1936-1937.

No. 12—Appropriation, 1937-1938.

No. 13—Quarantine.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—AUSTRALIA'S TRADE RELATIONS AND REVISION OF OTTAWA AGREEMENT—

MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to Australia's trade relations with other countries and the proposed revision of the Ottawa Agreement, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Australia's Trade Relations and the Revision of the Ottawa Agreement—Ministerial Statement—and moved, That the Paper be printed.

- Suspension of Standing Order No. 119.*—Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 119 be suspended to enable the debate to proceed without interruption.

Question—put and passed.

Debate on motion ensued.

Mr. Forde 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.

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Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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—put and passed.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1937-38.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
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13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Harrison, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. McCall, Mr. Paterson, and Mr. Ward.

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