

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 7.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1938.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 9th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Honorable Eric John Harrison and the Honorable Thomas Paterson made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE J. BARNES.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 31st January last of the Honorable J. Barnes and moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator-elect the Honorable John Barnes, a former Member of the Senate and Commonwealth Minister, 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 Mr. Thorby having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. Barnes the foregoing Resolution, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
4. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Barnes, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
5. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
6. RETURN TO WRIT (NORTHERN TERRITORY).—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Military and Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General the Return to the Writ for the Northern Territory, the election for which was held on the 30th October, 1937, in connexion with the General Election for the House of Representatives, and by the endorsement thereon it was certified that Adair Macalister Blain had been elected in pursuance of such Writ.
7. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address in Reply at the Opening of the Fifteenth Parliament was duly laid before His Majesty the King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honourable Members His Majesty's sincere appreciation of the loyal assurances to which Your Address gives expression.

7th February, 1938.

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

A Proposed Law intituled " *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act (No. 3) 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, 13th December, 1937.

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GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 6.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Transport Workers Act 1937* ”“ *Maternity Allowance Act 1937* ”“ *Loan Act 1937* ”“ *Appropriation (Works and Services) 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, 13th December, 1937.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 7.*

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Appropriation Act 1937-38* ” 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, 14th December, 1937.

9. ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) announced to the House that His Excellency Lord Huntingfield was, on the 29th March, 1938, sworn in as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth.

10. DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence of Ministers overseas the following Ministers had been appointed to act for them :—

Senator A. J. McLachlan to be Acting Attorney-General and Acting Minister for Industry ;

Mr. Perkins to be Acting Minister for Trade and Customs ;

Mr. Cameron to be Acting Minister for Commerce and Acting Minister for Health.

The House was also informed that Mr. Thompson would assist the Minister for the Interior and that the Acting Attorney-General and the Acting Minister for Industry would be represented in the House of Representatives by Mr. Hughes.

11. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing certain of the recent developments in connexion with Foreign Affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Recent Developments in Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hughes (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

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

Ayes, 38.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Anthony	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Badman	Mr. McCall
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price
Mr. Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rankin
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Nock

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Maloney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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12. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Report relating to the proposed erection of a Terminal Building at the Kingsford Smith Aerodrome, Mascot, New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
13. TRADE BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement concerning the arrangements affecting trade between New Zealand and Australia.
14. DEFENCE PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the main features of the defence programme adopted by the Government, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Defence Proposals of the Government—Ministerial Statement—
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.
15. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—
Small Loans—Report, dated 15th February, 1938, of the Committee appointed to investigate the facilities available for Small Loans.
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1936-37.
Papua—Report for year 1936-37.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Canberra Community Hospital—Report dated 29th July, 1937, by Mr. W. A. E. Lewis, member of Hospitals Commission of New South Wales, on certain matters concerning the Hospital.
Elections and Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections, 1937 ; the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1937 ; together with Summaries of Elections and Referendums, 1903-1937.
Elections, 1937—
Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1937, viz. :—
New South Wales.
Queensland.
South Australia.
Tasmania.
Victoria.
Western Australia.
Return showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Election for the House of Representatives, 1937, for the Northern Territory.
Nauru—Ordinances of 1937—
No. 10—Oaths.
No. 11—Motor Traffic.
No. 12—Shipping Fees.
No. 13—Importation of Dogs.
No. 14—Wild Birds Preservation.
No. 15—Importation of Dogs Regulations Proclamation Repeal.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1936-37, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, as at 31st December, 1937 ; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 12, 13, 22.
Apple and Pear Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 18.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
1937—No. 23—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia ; Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association ; and Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.
1938—
No. 1—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 2—Amalgamated Engineering Union.
No. 3—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department of Australia.
Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1936-37.
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 10.
Bankruptcy Act—Rules Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 111.
Census and Statistics Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 114.

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- Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act and Customs Act—Regulations Amended—
 Statutory Rules 1937, No. 115.
 Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 1, 19, 29, 31.
- Commonwealth Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department—
 Attorney-General—P. C. Purcell.
 Commerce—F. H. Colbey, J. K. Crone, C. B. Smith, E. F. B. Wood.
 Interior—A. R. Campbell.
 Treasury—J. B. Brigden.
- List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Service on 30th June, 1937.
- Commonwealth Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 77, 78.
- Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 7.
- Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 117.
- Defence Act—Regulations Amended—
 Statutory Rules 1937, No. 113.
 Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 8, 11, 15.
- Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 23.
- Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 3.
- Financial Relief Acts—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 25.
- Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Dated 7th December, 1937 (Statutory Rules 1937, No. 120).
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
 Adelong, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 Archerfield, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
 Cooktown, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
 Darwin, Northern Territory (2)—For Defence purposes.
 Fitzroy Crossing, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
 Kalgoorlie, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Loxton East, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
 Mascot, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 Maylands, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Meekatharra, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
 Mt. Eliza, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
 Richmond, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 Rockdale, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 Undercliffe, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 West Maitland, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
- Meat Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 110.
- Nationality Act—Return for 1937.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 16, 17, 20, 21.
- Navigation Act—
 Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 9, 32.
 Report of cases in which the Governor-General, during 1937, granted dispensations under Section 422A.
- New Guinea Act—
 Ordinance of 1937—No. 33—Roman Catholic (Mission of the Divine Word) Property.
 Ordinances of 1938—
 No. 1—Appropriation (No. 2) 1937–1938.
 No. 2—Judiciary.
 No. 3—Service and Execution of Process Ordinance Repeal.
 No. 4—Criminal Code Amendment.
 No. 5—Public Service.
 No. 6—Superannuation.
 No. 7—Supply 1938–1939.
- Norfolk Island Act—
 Ordinances of 1938—
 No. 1—Fencing.
 No. 2—Mortgagors' Relief.
 Marriage Ordinance—Regulations.
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 Ordinance of 1938—No. 1—Coroners.
 Regulations Amended, &c., under—
 Auctioneers Ordinance.
 Buildings Ordinance.
 Darwin Administration Ordinance.
 Health Ordinance (2).
 Public Service Ordinance.
- Papua Act—Ordinances of 1937—
 No. 14—Navigation.
 No. 15—Petroleum (Mining).
- Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 5, 6.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 2, 4.
- Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 116.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 14.

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- Seat of Government: Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1937—
No. 18—Dogs Registration.
No. 19—Tobacco.
No. 20—Gun Licence (No. 2).
No. 21—Rabbit Destruction.
No. 22—Careless Use of Fire.
No. 23—Insane Persons and Inebriates (Committal and Detention).
No. 24—Roads and Public Places.
No. 25—Education.
No. 26—National Memorials.
No. 27—Ordinances Revision.
No. 28—Court of Petty Sessions (No. 2).
No. 29—Interpretation.
No. 30—Canberra Community Hospital Board (No. 4).
No. 31—Police Offences.
No. 32—Traffic.
No. 33—Protection of Lands.
Ordinances of 1938—
No. 1—Plant Diseases.
No. 2—Adoption of Children.
No. 3—Money Lenders.
No. 4—Compensation (Fatal Injuries).
No. 5—Matrimonial Causes.
No. 6—Liquor.
Regulations Amended, &c., under—
Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance (2).
Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance.
Motor Traffic Ordinance.
Plant Diseases Ordinance.
Public Health Ordinance (2).
Real Property Ordinance.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Notice of variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 3rd December, 1937.
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 119.
States Grants (Fertilizer) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 30.
Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 28.
Trade Marks Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 33.
Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 109.
Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 26.
Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 27.
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—
Statutory Rules 1937, No. 112.
Statutory Rules 1938, No. 24.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—LOAN BILL 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HUNTINGFIELD,

Administrator.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 27th April, 1938.

Ordered, after debate—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. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past eleven 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. Blain, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. White.

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