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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY, 1938.

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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. UNDESIRABLE LITERATURE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action proposed to be taken to prevent the importation of undesirable literature.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of W. R. Smart, Department of the Treasury.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Mount Eliza, Victoria—For Postal purposes.  
Superannuation Act—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1936-37.
6. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 8th December, 1937 (pages 23-54)].

General debate resumed on the first Item.

Progress 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES ADJUSTMENT 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. 11.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia 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 Adjustment of the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers of State and of the Allowances of other Members of the Parliament, and for other purposes.

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Ordered—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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Adjustment of the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers of State and of the Allowances of other Members of the Parliament, and for other purposes.

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.

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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. Thompson 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.

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.*)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Hawker proposing to move, as an amendment, That after the word "twenty" (line 3) the words "sub-sections (1.) and (2.) of section forty-two and section forty-three" be inserted—

*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled the proposed amendment out of order on the grounds that it was outside the order of leave, and would increase the appropriation.

Clause debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 13, after "an" insert "additional".

Page 2, line 14, omit "to meet expenses arising out of his office".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

*Proposed new clause—*

Mr. Hawker moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

"9. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, sections three and seven of this Act shall not come into operation until sub-sections (1.) and (2.) of section forty-two, and section forty-three, of the *Financial Emergency Act 1931-1936* have been repealed."

Debate ensued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Proposed new clause withdrawn, by leave.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 42.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Darwin, Northern Territory—For Defence purposes.

Laverton, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. White.

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