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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 23.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST JUNE, 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. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of E. H. Mercer, Attorney-General's Department.
4. NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Curtin, viz. :—*That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—“this House is of opinion that in its present form the Bill is unacceptable because :—
  - (a) it seeks to place upon a contributory basis the payment of pensions for old-age, invalidity and widowhood, which should be provided as a matter of right without the exaction of individual contributions ;
  - (b) it provides unequal benefits for men and women ;
  - (c) it fails to provide medical benefit for the wives and children of contributors ;
  - (d) by partially overlapping the field of Friendly Society activity it tends to discourage young men and women from joining these associations of self-help, thus threatening the continued strength of Friendly Societies without providing in full the services which they now render ;

and therefore the Bill should be withdrawn and re-drafted and a more liberal Bill, freed from the defects now enumerated, should be introduced without delay”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Riordan 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.

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.

Mr. Green 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.

Mr. Scully 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1938.

Debate continued.

Mr. Fadden 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.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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*Resumption of Sitting.*—At half-past ten o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

Mr. Mulcahy 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.

Mr. Drakeford 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—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes, 37.

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

Noes, 25.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

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

Noes, 26.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

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.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE 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. 13.

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 Insurance against certain Contingencies affecting Employees, and the Wives, Children, Widows, and Orphans of Employees, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 29th April, 1938.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Message be printed and be taken into consideration by the Committee of the whole House on the sitting day following the House having adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the National Health and Pensions Insurance Bill, 1938."

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1938.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Baker	Mr. Mahoney
Mr. Casey	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Francis	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Collins	Mr. Scully
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Corser	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Forde	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Lane		Mr. Frost	
Mr. John Lawson		Mr. Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner	Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith—put and passed.

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 Insurance against certain Contingencies affecting Employees, and the Wives, Children, Widows, and Orphans of Employees, and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CRIMES BILL, 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to enable effect to be given to the International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency, signed at Geneva on the twentieth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and for purposes connected therewith", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 1st June, 1938.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXTRADITION BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Extradition Act 1903-1934 '*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 1st June, 1938.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Customs Tariff Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd June, 1938.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1936 '*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd June, 1938.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1936 '*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd June, 1938.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, 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. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Menzies\*, Sir Earle Page\*, Mr. Pollard, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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