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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 32.

MONDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1938.

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. IRON ORE RESOURCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the preliminary arrangements made for the conduct of the survey of Australia's iron ore resources.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 50.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General's—N. L. Hutchison.
Interior—F. G. Doran.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Eastwood, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Maternity Allowance Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 51.
Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 52.
4. NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Second Schedule—

Ordered—That the Schedule be considered by Parts.

Part I. agreed to.

Part II.—

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (3.) be omitted, and the following paragraph be inserted in place thereof:—

“(3.) The following contributions shall, unless otherwise prescribed, be credited to the Pensions Insurance Fund:—

- (i) contributions by special voluntary contributors;
- (ii) contributions by and in respect of partially exempt employees;
- (iii) contributions in respect of employed persons who have attained the maximum age; and
- (iv) contributions paid in pursuance of section thirty-nine A of this Act.”

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), the proposed amendment was amended by omitting the words “, unless otherwise prescribed,” and by inserting after “contributions” in sub-paragraph (iii) the words “, unless otherwise prescribed,”.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the following further amendment was made:—

At the end of Part II., add the following paragraph:—

“(6.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Part, contributions paid in respect of persons to whom exemption has been granted under section ninety-six or under section ninety-seven of this Act shall be credited to the Pensions Insurance Fund.”.

Part II., as amended, agreed to.

The Second Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

The Third Schedule—

Mr. Frost proposing to move as an amendment, That “Males” (wherever occurring): “(ii) Females 15s. per week.”, “(ii) Females 12s. 6d. per week.”, and “(ii) Females 10s. per week.” be omitted from paragraph 1—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled that such an amendment would increase the benefits proposed, and, therefore, was not in order.

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Mr. Frost moved, That the Schedule be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Committee stage of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Schedule be postponed—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Badman	Mr. McCall
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Corser	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Francis	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Wilson	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. James		Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. Gander	Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jolly	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Lane	Mr. Nock
		Mr. John Lawson	

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the Third Schedule, and the circulated amendments of the Government, and the remainder of the Bill be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put and passed.

The circulated amendments of the Government were accordingly made in the Bill, and are as follows:—

The Third Schedule, page 56, paragraph 1, at the end of the paragraph add the following sub-paragraph:—

“(d) Juvenile contributors, males and females 5s. per week.”.

The Third Schedule, page 56, omit paragraph 3, insert the following paragraph:—

“3. Old-age Pension—

(a) Males 20s. per week ;
 (b) Females 15s. per week ;
 (c) Females to whom section seventy-five A of this Act applies—an additional amount of 5s. per week.”.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey moved, That the Report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes past six o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Report be adopted—put.

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

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby	Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Jolly		Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Mahoney	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Nock		
Mr. McCall			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Further question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price
Mr. Francis	Mr. Rankin
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Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
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Mr. Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1938–39.—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. 17.

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 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-nine.

Canberra, 14th June, 1938.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 12 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 13.
7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1938–39.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1938–39 a sum not exceeding £8,824,700.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) 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.

9. 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.

10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1938–39.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, that, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1938–39, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £8,824,700.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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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- 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. Lyons do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.
11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1938-39.—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-nine* ”, 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.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.
13. REPRESENTATION BILL 1938.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Representation Act 1905*.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Mr. Drakeford 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.
14. KINGSFORD SMITH AERODROME, MASCOT, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to the House the result of its investigations—Erection of a terminal building at the Kingsford Smith Aerodrome, Mascot, New South Wales.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until a later hour this day.
16. PASSPORTS BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Mr. Ward 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. ASHMORE AND CARTIER ISLANDS ACCEPTANCE BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior) 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Cameron (Acting Minister for Health) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Mr. Makin 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.
19. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL 1937.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior) 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

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Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 8 and 9 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10.
21. DEFENCE (VISITING FORCES) BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Brennan 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.
22. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
23. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to ten 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. Forde, Mr. Green, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Menzies*, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Scully, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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