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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 34.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1938.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CAPITAL OF NEW GUINEA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hughes (Minister in charge of Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to transfer the site of the administrative head-quarters of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea from Rabaul to Salamana, and of the financial proposals to cover the cost of the transfer and other matters connected therewith.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—  
Ecuador—Treaty regarding Extradition—Supplementary Convention between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and Ecuador (Quito, 4th June, 1934).  
Egypt—Final Act, Convention and other documents regarding Abolition of Capitulations in Egypt (Montreux, 8th May, 1937).  
Extradition Treaty between United Kingdom and Denmark—Notes extending proceedings between Iceland and New Guinea and Nauru (London, 25th November, 1937).  
Nationality Laws, Conflict of—International Convention (The Hague, 12th April, 1930).  
Yugoslavia—Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters—Convention between United Kingdom and Yugoslavia (London, 27th February, 1936).  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
5. INTER-STATE COMMISSION BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Blackburn 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. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Stacey brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).  
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1937.

Bankruptcy Act—Ninth Annual Report of the Attorney-General, for the year ended 31st July, 1937.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Fourteenth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Public Service Board, dated 6th December, 1937.

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 Elections, 1937, and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1937, viz. :—

New South Wales.  
Queensland.  
South Australia.  
Tasmania.  
Victoria.  
Western Australia.

22nd June, 1938.

Northern Territory Election, 30th October, 1937—Detailed Return.

Munitions Supply Board—Report for the period 1st July, 1935, to 30th June, 1937, together with Report of Commonwealth Government Clothing Factory for the financial years 1935-36 and 1936-37.

Northern Territory—Recommendations of Policy in Native Affairs in the Northern Territory by Dr. Donald Thompson—Melbourne, December, 1937.

Northern Territory—Report on Administration for the year ended 30th June, 1937.

Postmaster-General's Department—Twenty-seventh Annual Report, 1936-37.

Sugar Agreement—Sixth Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee, for the year ended 31st August, 1937.

Superannuation Act—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, year ended 30th June, 1937.

F. H. STACEY,  
Vice-Chairman.House of Representatives Committee Room,  
22nd June, 1938.

Mr. Stacey moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

8. SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH APPROPRIATION 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—Debate resumed.

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. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 70), the Bill was read a third time.

9. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10. EXPORT OF IRON ORE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to permit the export under licence and subject to conditions of certain quantities of iron ore which were arranged for prior to the announcement of the 19th May last.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Clark, Mr. Forde, Mr. Green, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McCall, Mr. Menzies\*, Sir Earle Page\*, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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