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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH 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. CANBERRA—PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the personnel and the functions of the Committee appointed in connexion with the future planning and development of Canberra.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Charles Marr rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The erection of the High School Buildings on the University site at Canberra, the flouting of Parliament by the Department of the Interior through accepting a tender for the erection of such buildings prior to the statutory alteration of the Griffin plan being approved or rejected by Parliament, and the lack of policy with regard to the building of Australia's National Capital".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Sir Charles Marr moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—
Aircraft Personnel—Documents of Identity for—Exchange of Notes between Governments of United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and India and—
Denmark (Copenhagen, 21st July, 1937).
Norway (Oslo, 11th October, 1937).
Export of Iron Ore—Statement by the Prime Minister relating to the prohibition of the export of iron ore as from the 1st July, 1938.
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Statement by the Minister for External Affairs relating to the ratification by the Commonwealth of certain Maritime Conventions adopted at the Twenty-first and the Twenty-second Sessions, 1936.
Nauru—Report to Council of League of Nations on Administration of Nauru during 1937.
New Guinea—Report to Council of League of Nations on Administration of Territory of New Guinea for year 1936-37.
New Guinea—Report of Committee appointed to investigate new site for Administrative Headquarters of Territory of New Guinea.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 61.

Norfolk Island Act—Regulations Amended, &c., under—
Advisory Council Ordinances.

Exportation of Fruit Ordinance.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—EMPIRE AIR SERVICE (ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA) 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. 23.

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 ratify and authorize certain Agreements relating to the Empire Air Service between England and Australia, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 27th June, 1938.

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. Thorby (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to ratify and authorize certain Agreements relating to the Empire Air Service between England and Australia, and for other purposes.

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Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thorby and Mr. McEwen do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Forde 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 3, Government Business.

7. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1938.—Mr. Cameron (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924–1937*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Cameron 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. Cameron moved, by leave, 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.)

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.

8. CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL 1938.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Census and Statistics Act 1905–1930*.

Question—put and passed.

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, by leave, 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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

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

Lines 12–13, omit “omitting the word ‘annually,’”, insert “inserting after the word ‘collect’ the words ‘at least’”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

9. INCOME TAX COLLECTION BILL 1938.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Collection Act 1923–1934*.

Question—put and passed.

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, by leave, 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

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Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Casey, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Casey asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

[*Ashmore and Cartier Islands Acceptance Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Ashmore and Cartier Islands Acceptance Act 1933’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th June, 1938.

[*Seat of Government Acceptance Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Territory for the Seat of Government*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th June, 1938.

[*Science and Industry Research Appropriation Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds for the purpose of scientific and industrial Research*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th June, 1938.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th June, 1938.

[*Representation Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Representation Act 1905’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th June, 1938.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Passports*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th June, 1938.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

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12. 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. 24.*

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 any amendment to be made upon Request by the Senate, in 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, 25th June, 1938.

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 any amendment to be made upon Request by the Senate, in 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.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, by leave, was adopted by the House.

13. NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE BILL 1938.—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate—

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

No. 1.—Page 16, clause 61, line 35, leave out " seventh ", insert " fifth ".

No. 2.—Page 17, clause 66, line 28, leave out " seventh ", insert " fifth ".

Requested Amendment No. 1—

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the Requested Amendment be made.

Debate ensued.

Member named and suspended.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) named the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) for deliberate insolence to the Chair.

Mr. Casey moved, That the honorable Member for East Sydney be suspended from the service of the Committee.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Anthony

Mr. Badman

Mr. Cameron

Mr. Casey

Mr. Collins

Mr. Corser

Mr. Fairbairn

Mr. Francis

Mr. Gregory

Sir Henry Gullett

Mr. Harrison

Mr. Hawker

Mr. Holt

Mr. Hughes

Mr. Hutchinson

Mr. Jennings

Mr. Jolly

Mr. Lane

Mr. John Lawson

Mr. Lyons

Sir Charles Marr

Mr. McCall

Mr. McEwen

Mr. Nairn

Mr. Perkins

Mr. Price

Mr. Rankin

Mr. Spender

Sir Frederick Stewart

Mr. Street

Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thorby

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner

Mr. Nock

Mr. Barnard

Mr. Beasley

Mr. Blackburn

Mr. Brennan

Mr. Curtin

Mr. Drakeford

Mr. Forde

Mr. Frost

Mr. Holloway

Mr. James

Mr. Lazzarini

Mr. Makin

Mr. Martens

Mr. Mulcahy

Mr. Pollard

Mr. Riordan

Mr. Rosevear

Mr. Scully

Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Ward

Mr. Watkins

Mr. Wilson

Tellers:

Mr. Gander

Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstance to the House.

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Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) be suspended from the service of the House.

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

Ayes, 35.

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

Noes, 24.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

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

(In the Committee.)

Requested Amendment No. 1 further debated and made.

Requested Amendment No. 2 made.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 10 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 11.

15. NEW GUINEA LOAN GUARANTEE BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes (Minister in charge of Territories) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed: Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 165) the Bill was read a third time.

16. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1938-39.—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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Schedule—

“The Parliament, £49,150”—agreed to.

“The Prime Minister's Department, £131,980”—debated and agreed to.

“The Department of External Affairs, £3,690”—agreed to.

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"The Department of the Treasury, £206,880"—agreed to.
 "The Attorney-General's Department, £50,990"—debated and agreed to.
 "The Department of the Interior, £124,890"—debated and agreed to.
 "The Department of Defence, £1,689,300"—debated and agreed to.
 "The Department of Trade and Customs, £164,160"—debated and agreed to.
 "The Department of Health, £31,910"—agreed to.
 "The Department of Commerce, £113,040"—agreed to.
 "Miscellaneous Services, £114,580"—agreed to.
 "War Services, £292,720"—agreed to.
 "Commonwealth Railways, £133,180"—agreed to.
 "The Postmaster-General's Department, £3,048,160"—debated and agreed to.
 Part 3.—"Territories of the Commonwealth, £170,070"—agreed to.
 "Refunds of Revenue, £500,000"—agreed to.
 "Advance to the Treasurer, £2,000,000"—agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title 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 153) the Bill was read a third time.

17. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. this day.
 Question—put and passed.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to eight o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Blain, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Green, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Menzies*, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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