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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 44.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 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.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—  
Report relating to the proposed erection of a Hospital at Darwin, Northern Territory.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 38.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Supply Act (No. 2) 1938-39*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 28th September, 1938.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 39.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1938* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1938* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1938* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1938* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1938* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1938* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1938* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1938* "
- " *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1938* "
- " *Income Tax Act 1938* "

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1938.

4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MUNICH AGREEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the terms of settlement of the Sudeten German problem in Czechoslovakia. Sir Earle Page also informed the House of the joint declaration by Germany and the United Kingdom regarding future relationships, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

International Affairs—Munich Agreement—Ministerial Statement, together with the text of the Agreement signed at Munich, 29th September, 1938, by Germany, the United Kingdom, France and Italy, in relation to the settlement of the Sudeten German problem in Czechoslovakia,

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Cameron (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the debate to be continued after the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 119.

Question—put and passed.

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Debate continued.

Mr. Maloney 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.

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

New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1938—No. 43—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of reservation of certain Crown lands at Playford.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1937–38.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman\*, Mr. Baker, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Blain, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Jolly, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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