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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 47.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH 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.
2. ASBESTOS INDUSTRY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a request for assistance to develop the Asbestos Industry in Western Australia.  
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in regard to the matter.
3. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1938-39.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1938-39.

Vote—"Parliament, £7,000"—further debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £3,600"—agreed to.  
Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £100"—debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £13,182"—debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £2,500"—debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"Department of the Interior, £283,600"—debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"Department of Defence, £1,618,768"—  
Mr. Rosevear moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.  
Debate ensued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. Martens	Mr. George Lawson

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Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Casey	Mr. Price
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Spender
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jolly	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Nock

And so it was negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Trade and Customs, £29,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Health, £47,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Repatriation, £78,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Commerce, £22,250"—agreed to.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £154,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £3,938,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Northern Territory, £300,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Australian Capital Territory, £545,000"—debated and agreed to.

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Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1938-39, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £7,042,000.

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.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1938-39.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1938-39.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1938-39, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £7,042,000.

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.

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 Sir Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*", 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.  
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, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past six o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman\*, Mr. Blain, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. McCall, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Rankin, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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