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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 49.

FRIDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1938.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Science and Industry Endowment Act—Reports by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for years 1936-37 and 1937-38.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BILL 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 40.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General 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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Defence purposes.

Canberra, 27th September, 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 a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Defence purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey 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. 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.

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, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 41.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General 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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Canberra,

27th September, 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 a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey 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. 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.

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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1938.—Mr. Cameron (Assistant Minister for Commerce), pursuant to leave given on the 13th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to the Marketing of Apples and Pears*”, 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.

Mr. Frost 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.

7. STATES GRANTS 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Mahoney moved, as an amendment, That the figures “£410,000” (line 7) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the figures “£575,000” in place thereof.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that it would increase the amount of the appropriation.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 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 208*) the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

8. INTER-STATE COMMISSION 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.

Mr. Nairn 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

14th October, 1938.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Member named.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Hunter (Mr. James) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Casey moved, That the honorable Member for Hunter be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Casey	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Thorby
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. McCall	
Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Price	Mr. Nock

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Mr. Baker	Mr. Maloney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Mahoney	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Casey addressing the House—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Rosevear moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman*, Mr. Blain, Mr. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Spender, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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