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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 59.

THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 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.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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 Assessment Act 1936-1937*.
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.
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.
4. WAKEFIELD BY-ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued a Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Wakefield Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on the 2nd instant.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 23 of 1938—
Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of W. B. Dwyer, Department of Commerce.
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Fourteenth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board for year 1937-38, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
6. APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 15—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Holt, viz. :—That at the end of sub-clause (1.) the following words be added :—“ but no such contract for insurance shall be made by the Board without the approval of the Minister with a person or company not carrying on the business of insurance in the Commonwealth on its own account or with a person or company which in the Commonwealth merely grants cover or receives premiums, proposals or requests for insurance business on behalf of or for transmission to any company person or association of persons outside the Commonwealth ”.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
8. WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.—The House according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved—

1. That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Land Tax Act 1910-1927*, as affected by the *Financial Relief Act 1932-1935*, there be imposed land tax at the following rates :—

Division A.—Rate of Tax when Owner is not an Absentee.

For so much of the taxable value as does not exceed £75,000, the rate of tax per pound shall be One half-penny and one thirty-seven thousand five hundredth of one penny where the taxable value is One pound, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of One pound of the taxable value by one thirty-seven thousand five hundredth of one penny.

For every pound of taxable value in excess of £75,000 the rate of tax shall be Fourpence half-penny.

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The rate of tax for so much of the taxable value as does not exceed £75,000 may be calculated from the following formula :—

R = rate of tax in pence per pound.

V = taxable value in pounds.

$$R = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{V}{37,500} \right\} \text{ pence.}$$

Division B.—Rate of Tax when Owner is an Absentee.

For so much of the taxable value as does not exceed £5,000, the rate of tax per pound shall be One half-penny. For so much of the taxable value as exceeds £5,000, but does not exceed £80,000, the rate of tax per pound shall be One penny and one-thirty-seven thousand five hundredth of one penny where the excess is One pound, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of One pound in the taxable value by one thirty-seven thousand five hundredth of one penny.

For every pound of taxable value in excess of £80,000 the rate of tax shall be Fivepence.

The rate of tax for so much of the taxable value as exceeds £5,000, and does not exceed £80,000, may be calculated from the following formula :—

R = rate of tax in pence per pound.

E = excess of taxable value over £5,000 in pounds.

$$R = \left\{ 1 + \frac{E}{37,500} \right\} \text{ pence.}$$

2. That land tax in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this resolution shall be levied and paid for the financial year beginning on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight and for each financial year thereafter.

3. That the land tax payable in respect of any financial year prior to the financial year beginning on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight shall be the amount of land tax that would have been payable if from the Schedules to the *Land Tax Act 1910*, and from the Schedules enacted in substitution for those Schedules by the *Land Tax Act 1914*, the word "sterling", wherever it occurs, had been omitted.

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.

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 Mr. Menzies do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. LAND TAX BILL 1938.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1910-1927', to repeal section four of the 'Financial Relief Act 1932-1935' and for other purposes", 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.

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.

10. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—

The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £8,210

be agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Baker, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lane, Mr. George Lawson, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Spender, and Sir Fredrick Stewart.

* On leave.

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