

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 63.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 50.*

A Proposed Law intituled "States Grants 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 Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 18th November, 1938.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1938—  
No. 25—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
No. 26—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Darwin, Northern Territory—For Administrative purposes.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the 9th December next.  
Question—put and passed.
5. 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
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be agreed to.

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.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
7. LAND TAX 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.)*

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 (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 250) the Bill was read a third time.

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8. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, again 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Seamen's Compensation Act 1911'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 22nd November, 1938.

Mr. Thorby (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to the Marketing of Apples and Pears", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 22nd November, 1938.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Collins, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Paterson, and Mr. Spender.

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