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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 65.

FRIDAY, 25TH 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 HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1938.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1932*.
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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. FLOUR TAX (WHEAT INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE) ASSESSMENT BILL 1938.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Wheat and Flour and upon certain Goods in the Manufacture of which Flour is used, and for other purposes.
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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
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.

Mr. Beasley addressing the Committee and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

First item agreed to.

Remainder of Vote—"The Parliament, £137,400"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £515,000"—

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.

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6. 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. 52.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Ministers of State 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, 24th November, 1938.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Francis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hughes, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Price, Mr. Spender, Mr. Stacey, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.