

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 66.

TUESDAY, 29TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 27 of 1938—
Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union; and Federated
Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of F. R. T. Stevens, Department of Health.
Commonwealth Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for year
1937-38.
3. TRADE AGREEMENT (SWITZERLAND) BILL 1938.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve a Commercial Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Swiss Federal Council and certain Undertakings given in relation to that Agreement.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Perkins 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. Perkins asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES, RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION BILL AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) declared—
(a) That the Estimates of Expenditure are of an urgent nature;
(b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are Urgent Resolutions; and
(c) That the Appropriation Bill is an Urgent Bill.
Question—That the Estimates of Expenditure be considered of an urgent nature, that the Resolutions be considered Urgent Resolutions, and that the Appropriation Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—
put.

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

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. White
Mr. Lyons	
Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. McCall	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Nock

Noes, 18.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Price
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Pollard	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Allotment of Time.—Mr Casey then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Estimates, the Resolutions, and the stages of the Appropriation Bill, be as follows :—

(1) Estimates—

The Prime Minister's Department }	until 12.45 p.m.
The Department of External Affairs }	
The Department of the Treasury }	until 2.45 p.m.
The Attorney-General's Department }	
The Department of the Interior }	until 3.30 p.m.
The Department of Defence }	until 6.30 p.m.
The Department of Trade and Customs }	
The Department of Health }	until 7.30 p.m.
The Department of Commerce }	
Miscellaneous Services }	
Refunds of Revenue }	until 8.30 p.m.
Advance to the Treasurer }	
War Services Payable out of Revenue }	until 9.30 p.m.
Commonwealth Railways }	
Postmaster-General's Department }	until 11.30 p.m.
Northern Territory }	
Australian Capital Territory }	
Papua }	until 12.30 a.m., Wednesday,
New Guinea }	30th November
Norfolk Island }	
Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution }	
Ways and Means Resolution, and adoption of Resolution }	until 1 a.m., Wednesday,
		30th November.

(2) Appropriation Bill—all stages

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Price
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Holt	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hunter	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Forde	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street	Mr. Green	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	Mr. White	Mr. Mahoney	Mr. Gander
Sir Charles Marr		Mr. Pollard	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. McCall	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1938-39.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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

Vote—"The Department of External Affairs, £18,100"—

Ordered to be considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Ward called the attention of the Chairman to the fact that there was not a quorum of Members present.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled that the Committee had just been counted and that he did not propose to count the Committee again after such a short interval.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Ward having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

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

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mahoney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 26.

Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Collins	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Lyons	
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Nock

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £862,000"—debated—

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department, £218,000"—

Vote—"The Department of the Interior, £662,000"—

Ordered to be considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past three o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"The Department of Defence, £6,874,000"—debated—

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1. Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past six o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Nairn) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

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

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

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Mahoney	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Collins	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Francis	Mr. Prowse
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Nock

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £726,000"—

Vote—"The Department of Health, £135,500"—

Vote—"The Department of Commerce, £510,000"—

Ordered to be considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past seven o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £1,356,000"—

Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £1,450,000"—

Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £2,500,000"—

Ordered to be considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £1,356,000"—be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

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Limitation of Debate.—At half-past eight o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

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

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

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin	Mr. Anthony	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Corser	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price
Mr. Green		Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Gregory	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hunter	
		Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock
		Mr. Lyons	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"War Services payable out of Revenue, £1,333,000"—debated—

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past nine o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Nairn) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £681,430"—

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £11,804,400"—

Ordered to be considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past eleven o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Nairn) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"Northern Territory, £338,150"—

Vote—"Australian Capital Territory, £358,890"—

Vote—"Papua, £44,180"—

Vote—"New Guinea, £25,000"—

Vote—"Norfolk Island, £4,000"—

Ordered to be considered together.

Votes debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1938.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past twelve o'clock midnight, the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the following resolution be reported to the House:—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1938-39, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £30,553,050.

Part I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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The Parliament	137,400
The Prime Minister's Department	515,000
The Department of External Affairs	18,100
The Department of the Treasury	862,000
The Attorney-General's Department	218,000
The Department of the Interior	662,000
The Department of Defence	6,874,000
The Department of Trade and Customs	726,000
The Department of Health	135,500
The Department of Commerce	510,000
Miscellaneous Services	1,356,000
Refunds of Revenue	1,450,000
Advance to the Treasurer	2,500,000
War Services payable out of Revenue	1,333,000
Total Part I	17,297,000

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Part 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	681,430
Postmaster-General's Department	11,804,400
Total Part 2	12,485,830

Part 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	338,150
Australian Capital Territory	358,890
Papua	44,180
New Guinea	25,000
Norfolk Island	4,000
Total Part 3	770,220
TOTAL	30,553,050

Question—put and passed.
Leave to be 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.

6. 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.
7. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES, 1938-39.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1938-39.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1938-39, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £16,379,300.

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 the next sitting, 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 Mr. McEwen do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL 1938-39.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*", 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.
Debate ensued.
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.

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

And then the House, at two minutes past one 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. Clark, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jolly, Mr. Lane, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Spender, Mr. Stacey, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

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

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