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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS .

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 72.

THURSDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1938.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NORTHERN TERRITORY—POLICY OF DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the Government's decisions of policy regarding the development of the Northern Territory, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Northern Territory—Policy of Development—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPLE AND PEAR TAX BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 78.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Apples and Pears grown in Australia and sold by or on behalf of the Grower*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.
J. B. HAYES,
President.
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4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Bank for International Settlements—Protocol regarding Immunities (Brussels, 30th July, 1936)
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 111.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 109.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinance of 1938—No. 15—Encouragement of Primary Production.
Crown Lands Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1938—
No. 28—Companies (Liquidation).
No. 29—Money Lenders (No. 2).
No. 30—Advisory Council.
No. 31—Police Superannuation (No. 2).
No. 32—Seat of Government (Administration).
No. 33—Industrial Board (No. 2).
Workmen's Compensation Ordinance—Rules.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. STATES GRANTS (FERTILIZER) 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. ELECTORAL LAW AND PROCEDURE—JOINT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior):—
(1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the law and procedure in relation to—
(a) the choice and election of Senators; and
(b) the limitation of electoral expenses in connexion with elections for the Senate or the House of Representatives,
and to make such recommendations as it thinks fit for the improvement of the law and procedure relating to these matters.
(2) That three Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
(3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament, and to move from place to place, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken.
(4) That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that three Members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee—

Mr. Rosevear 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.

8. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL 1938 [No. 2].—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. Brennan addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Air Liner *Kyeema* Disaster—Report by the Air Accidents Investigation Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
10. AIR LINER "KYEEMA" DISASTER—REPORT BY THE AIR ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE—
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the report of the Air Accidents Investigation Committee.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, also made Statements on the subject.
11. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, RANDWICK, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Works) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Repatriation General Hospital, Randwick, New South Wales—The erection of a new Hospital.
Mr. Thorby having laid on the Table an estimate of cost of the projected work—
Question—put and passed.
12. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL 1938 [No. 2].—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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 9 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 10 and 11, Government Business.

14. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1936-37 [No. 2].—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 209), the Bill was read a third time.

15. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1936-37. [No. 2].—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—

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 209), the Bill was read a third time.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty-eight minutes past eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At twenty-three minutes past nine o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

16. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Loan Bill (No. 2) 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

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[*Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1938-39*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and to appropriate such sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
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[*Defence Equipment Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 81.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Defence purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th December, 1938.

[*States Grants (Fertilizer) Bill (No. 2) 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 82.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the making of Payments to Primary Producers, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

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[*States Grants (Fertilizer) Bill 1938*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 83.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'States Grants (Fertilizer) Act 1937'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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J. B. HAYES,
President.

[*Sales Tax Exemptions Bill 1938*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 84.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935-1936'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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J. B. HAYES,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1936-37 (No. 2)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 85.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

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J. B. HAYES,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1936-37 (No. 2)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 86.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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J. B. HAYES,
President.

17. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.
18. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Forde, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Spender, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. White.

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