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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 74.

THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1939.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE FRANCIS CLARKE.—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 18th instant, of the Honorable Francis Clarke, and moved, That this House expresses its regret at the death of the Honorable Francis Clarke, who was Member for Cowper in the House of Representatives in the first Commonwealth Parliament, places on record its appreciation of his public services and tenders to the members of his family its deep sympathy in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Menzies having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the relatives of the deceased ex-Member the foregoing Resolution, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 65.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1938* ”

“ *Seamen's Compensation 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 Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 10th December, 1938.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 66.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Trade Agreement (Switzerland) 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, 10th December, 1938.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 67.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Apple and Pear Organization Act 1938* ”

“ *Apple and Pear Export Charges Act 1938* ”

“ *Primary Produce Export Charges Act 1938* ”

“ *Apple and Pear Publicity and Research Act 1938* ”

“ *Apple and Pear Tax Assessment Act 1938* ”

“ *Apple and Pear Tax Act 1938* ”

“ *Newsprinting Paper Bounty Act 1938* ”

“ *War Pensions Appropriation Act 1938* ”

“ *Financial Relief Act 1938* ”

“ *Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1938* ”

“ *Customs Tariff (No. 3) 1938* ”

“ *Customs Tariff (No. 4) 1938* ”

“ *Excise Tariff (No. 2) 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 Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 10th December, 1938.

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GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 68.*

Proposed Laws intituled—

“ *Loan Act (No. 2) 1938* ”“ *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1938-39* ”“ *Defence Equipment Act 1938* ”“ *States Grants (Fertilizer) Act (No. 2) 1938* ”“ *States Grants (Fertilizer) Act 1938* ”“ *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1936-37* ”“ *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1936-37* ”

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 Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 12th December, 1938.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 69.*

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Sales Tax Exemptions 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, 13th December, 1938.

4. GRIFFITH ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Friday, the 28th instant, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Griffith, in the State of Queensland, in the place of Mr. Francis Matthew John Baker, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	..	..	..	Friday, 28th April, 1939.
Date of Nomination	..	..	..	Wednesday, 10th May, 1939.
Date of Polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 20th May, 1939.
Date of Return of Writ	..	..	..	On or before Saturday, 10th June, 1939.

5. WILMOT ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Wednesday, the 3rd May next, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wilmot, in the State of Tasmania, in the place of the Right Honorable Joseph Aloysius Lyons, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	..	..	..	Wednesday, 3rd May, 1939.
Date of Nomination	..	..	..	Friday, 12th May, 1939.
Date of Polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 27th May, 1939.
Date of Return of Writ	..	..	..	On or before Saturday, 17th June, 1939.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer’s Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1937-38, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Ordered to be printed.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, as at 31st December, 1938 ; together with Auditor-General’s Reports thereon.

The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

International Situation—Review of the International Situation, September, 1938—April, 1939, by the Right Honorable W. M. Hughes (Minister for External Affairs).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1938, No. 120.

Statutory Rules 1939, No. 21.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

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No. 30—Meat Inspectors’ Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 31—Amalgamated Postal Workers’ Union of Australia.

No. 32—Fourth Division Postmasters’, Postal Clerks’ and Telegraphists’ Union.

1939—

No. 1—Postal Electricians Supervisors and Foremen’s Association, Postmaster-General’s Department, Commonwealth of Australia ; and

No. 2—Australian Postal Electricians’ Union.

No. 3—Federated Public Service Assistants’ Association of Australia.

No. 4—Professional Officers’ Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 5—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 6—Federated Public Service Assistants’ Association of Australia.

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- Canned Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 114.
- Commonwealth Public Service Act—
- Appointments—Department—
- Postmaster-General—I. H. Robertson.
- Treasury—E. K. Heath, M. A. Whitehead.
- Works—J. W. F. Barbour, W. A. Boekenstein, B. A. Brogan, C. I. Dimant, N. M. Hannaker, H. G. Hannam, F. C. Hargrave, E. L. Miller, G. J. Mylne, A. J. W. Pate, G. M. Pike, R. H. Shaw, C. D. Spottswood.
- Regulations Amended—
- Statutory Rules 1938, No. 113.
- Statutory Rules 1939, No. 4.
- Commonwealth Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 79, 80.
- Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 9, 22.
- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 10, 12.
- Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 118.
- Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—
- Statutory Rules 1938, No. 122.
- Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 7, 13, 18.
- Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 116, 121.
- Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 17.
- Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 5.
- Flour Tax (Wheat Industry Assistance) Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 112.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 6.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—
- For Administrative purposes—Darwin, Northern Territory.
- For Customs purposes—Port Kembla, New South Wales.
- For Defence purposes—
- Amberley, Queensland.
- Cloncurry, Queensland.
- Darwin, Northern Territory.
- Deloraine, Tasmania.
- Fremantle, Western Australia.
- Georgetown, Tasmania.
- Gladstone, Queensland.
- Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.
- Karumba, Queensland.
- Laverton, Victoria.
- Maylands, Western Australia (2).
- North Stockton, New South Wales.
- Rockhampton, Queensland (3).
- Rottnest Island, Western Australia.
- Toowoomba, Queensland.
- For Postal purposes—
- Balhannah, South Australia.
- Edwardstown, South Australia.
- Glenunga, South Australia.
- Melbourne, Victoria.
- Mount Isa, Queensland.
- Nanncella, Victoria.
- Point Lonsdale, Victoria.
- Sunnybank, Queensland.
- Swansea, New South Wales.
- Sydney, New South Wales.
- Tallangatta, Victoria.
- Tintinara, South Australia.
- Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.
- Nationality Act—Return for 1938.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 3, 19.
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
- Ordinances of 1938—
- No. 16—Motor Vehicles.
- No. 17—Amendments Incorporation.
- No. 18—Birds Protection.
- No. 19—Registration.
- Ordinances of 1939—
- No. 1—Marine.
- No. 2—Income Tax.
- No. 3—Public Service.
- Income Tax Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
- Papua Act—Ordinances of 1938—
- No. 15—Navigation.
- No. 16—Superannuation (No. 2).

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- Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 1.
 Port Augusta to Port Pirie Railway Act, Commonwealth Railways Act, and Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Railway purposes at Hundred of Pirie, South Australia (6).
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 14.
 Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 20.
 Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1-9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 117.
 Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 15.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1938—
 No. 34—Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement).
 No. 35—Ordinances Revision.
 No. 36—Seat of Government (Administration) (No. 2).
 No. 37—National Capital Development.
 No. 38—Industrial Board (No. 3).
 No. 39—Plant Diseases (No. 2).
 No. 40—Rabbit Destruction.
 No. 41—Motor Traffic.
 Ordinance of 1939—No. 1—Hospital Tax.
 Regulations Amended—
 Apiaries Ordinance.
 Building and Services Ordinance (3).
 Education Ordinance.
 Liquor Ordinance.
 Meat Ordinance.
 Mining Ordinance.
 Nurses Registration Ordinance.
 Pounds Ordinance.
 Public Health Ordinance (4).
 Public Parks Ordinance.
 Trading Hours Ordinance.
 Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 8.
 Wheat Industry Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 16.
 Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 11.

7. MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) informed the House that, following the death of the Right Honorable J. A. Lyons on Friday, the 7th instant, His Excellency the Governor-General had appointed him Prime Minister of the Commonwealth. His Excellency had also confirmed Ministers in their existing portfolios.

Sir Earle Page also announced that the resignation of Mr. Menzies of the offices of Attorney-General and Minister for Industry was accepted by His Excellency the Governor-General on the 20th March last, and that Mr. Hughes (Minister for External Affairs) was, on the same date, appointed by His Excellency to be Attorney-General and Minister for Industry.

Sir Earle Page also informed the House that Mr. John Lawson had resigned his appointments as Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry.

8. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the 3rd May next, at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past twelve o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, the 3rd May next, at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Ward and Mr. Watkins.

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