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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 80.

THURSDAY, 11TH MAY, 1939.

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 DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 1939.—Mr. Casey (Minister for Supply and Development) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Supply of Munitions and the Survey, Registration and Development of the Resources of Australia, 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.
Mr. Casey moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Beasley 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.
4. NATIONAL REGISTRATION BILL 1939.—Mr. Street (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the taking of Censuses for the purpose of National Registration, for the establishment of a National Register, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Street 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. Street moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.
5. SPECIAL ANNUITIES BILL 1939.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Curtin, viz. :—That all the words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—" this House, being desirous of being completely assured as to the needs and resources of the widow and children of the late Prime Minister (the beneficiaries of this proposal), refuses to accord a second reading to a Bill proposing a grant of such magnitude until the needs and resources of the said beneficiaries as well as the amount of the grant (if any) which may be properly made by this House have been examined and reported on by a Committee representing all parties in this House "*—
Amendment withdrawn, by leave.
Debate resumed on the motion.
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.)

Clause 1—
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.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SPECIAL ANNUITIES BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 71.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Annuities to the Widow and Children of the late the Right Honorable Joseph Aloysius Lyons.

Canberra, 2nd May, 1939.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Annuities to the Widow and Children of the late the Right Honorable Joseph Aloysius Lyons.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender, by leave, was adopted by the House.

7. SPECIAL ANNUITIES BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—“ for the maintenance and benefit of herself and for the maintenance, education, benefit and advancement of the children of the late the Right Honorable Joseph Aloysius Lyons ”.

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.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Resignation of Sir Earle Page as Prime Minister—Copy of communication, dated 20th April, 1939, addressed by the Right Honorable Sir Earle Page to His Excellency the Governor-General tendering his resignation as His Excellency's Chief Adviser and Head of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Royal Australian Air Force—Establishment of new flying training school and selection of site at Forest Hill, Wagga, New South Wales.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anthony, Mr. Badman, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Collins, Mr. Forde, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jolly, Mr. Makin, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scully, and Mr. Thompson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.