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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 82.

THURSDAY, 18TH MAY, 1939.

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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPECIAL ANNUITIES BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 89.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 18th May, 1939.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tinned Plate Industry—Terms of reference to Tariff Board.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of C. G. Craig, Department of the Treasury.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1939—
No. 4—Aboriginals.
No. 5—Mining Development.
4. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT 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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. McEwen addressing the House 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.
Mr. Cameron 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.
5. NATIONAL INSURANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the postponement of the National Insurance scheme, and informed the House of the Government's proposal to set up a Committee of Members of Parliament, with whom would be associated representatives of the medical profession and of the approved societies, and members of the National Insurance Commission, to examine the subject to see whether a practicable scheme can be evolved.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in reference to the matter.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE (VISITING FORCES) BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 90.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to make provision, in relation to the Commonwealth or the Defence Force, with respect to the Naval, Military and Air Forces of other parts of His Majesty’s Dominions and of Territories administered by His Majesty, and with respect to Members of those Forces, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 18th May, 1939.

7. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr. James addressing the House 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.

Mr. Anthony 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Street (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o’clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o’clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Barnard, Mr. Casey, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Francis, Mr. George Lawson, Sir Earle Page, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.