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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 89.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1939—
No. 4—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).
No. 5—Land.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 73.*

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Sydney, 20th 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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Spender moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Spender and Sir Frederick Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Spender 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. Spender moved, 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.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 74.*

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States.

Sydney, 20th May, 1939.

31st 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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Spender moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Spender and Mr. Perkins do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Spender 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. Spender moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Holloway 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. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT 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.)

Clause 5—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Forde, viz. :—That the following paragraphs be added to sub-clause (1.) :—

“(g) the construction and extension of roads and railways ;

(h) the search for additional oil resources ;

(i) the production of power alcohol from sugar or other vegetable crops ;

(j) the production of oil from coal or shale ; and

(k) the decentralization of secondary industries, particularly defence industries.”

Mr. Forde, by leave, amended paragraph (g) of the proposed amendment to read as follows :—

“(g) in co-operation with the States, the construction and extension of roads and railways ;”

Debate continued.

Mr. Casey (Minister for Supply and Development) moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 37.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall	Mr. Barnard	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Price	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Spender	Mr. Green	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White		
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Noek		
Sir Charles Marr			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

31st May, 1939.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Anthony	Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Badman	Mr. McCall	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Price	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Spender	Mr. Green	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. James	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White	Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jolly			
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. DECLARATION OF SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 1939 AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—
Mr. Casey (Minister for Supply and Development) declared that the Supply and Development Bill 1939 was an Urgent Bill—

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall	Mr. Barnard	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Spender	Mr. Green	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White		
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Casey then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows :—

- (a) For the Committee stage to the end of clause 9, until 10.45 o'clock p.m. to-day.
- (b) For the Committee stage to the end of clause 14, until 4 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
- (c) For the Committee stage to the end of clause 17, until 5 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
- (d) For the Committee stage—postponed clauses and new clauses, until 6 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
- (e) For the remaining stages, until 6.15 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the times " 10.45 ", " 4 " " 5 ", " 6 o'clock p.m. to-morrow " and " 6.15 o'clock p.m. to-morrow " be omitted with a view to the insertion of the times " 11.45 ", " 5 ", " 11.45 ", " 12 o'clock noon, Friday, 2nd June " and " 4 o'clock p.m., Friday, 2nd June " in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the times proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.

31st May, 1939.

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

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall	Mr. Barnard	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Spender	Mr. Green	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White		
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock		
Sir Charles Marr			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

7. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT 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.)

Clause 5—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Forde, viz. :—That the following paragraphs be added to sub-clause (1.) :—

- “(g) in co-operation with the States, the construction and extension of roads and railways ;
(h) the search for additional oil resources ;
(i) the production of power alcohol from sugar or other vegetable crops ;
(j) the production of oil from coal or shale ; and
(k) the decentralization of secondary industries, particularly defence industries.”

Question—That the paragraphs proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes. 26.		Noes. 33.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Anthony	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Badman	Mr. McCall
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully	Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward	Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Green	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Gregory	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Wilson	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Street
Mr. James		Mr. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hutchinson	
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jolly	
		Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for Supply and Development), by leave, the following further amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 35, after “war” insert “including plans for the decentralization of secondary industries and particularly those relating to defence”.

Page 2, line 41, after “war” insert “and, in particular, the investigation and development of additional oil resources, the production of power alcohol from sugar or other vegetable crops, and the production of oil from coal or shale”.

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following further amendment was made :—Page 2, line 44, omit “this section”, insert “paragraphs (a) to (e) (inclusive) of the last preceding sub-section”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Blackburn moved, as an amendment, That the words “or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both” (page 3, lines 20–21) be omitted.

31st May, 1939.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Anthony	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Badman	Mr. McCall
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gregory	Sir Frederick Stewart
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Street
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Green moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraphs be added to sub-clause (1.) :—

“(d) the development and exploitation, in co-operation with any State; of any deposit of ore or other natural resource; and

(e) the provision or supply of munitions and the manufacture or assembly of aircraft or parts thereof by the Railways Department or other authority of any State.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraphs proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Nock

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Lazzarini moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clauses be added :—

“(4.) No person who has any monetary interest in any industrial, commercial or other undertaking which is or has within the preceding twelve months been directly or indirectly concerned in supplying munitions (including aircraft) to the Commonwealth or any authority of the Commonwealth shall be appointed to be a member of any Committee constituted under this section.

(5.) Any member of a committee who acquires any such monetary interest as is referred to in the preceding sub-section shall cease to be a member of such committee.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Holloway moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added—

“(2.) No factory or annexe shall be established or erected upon land that is not the absolute property of the Commonwealth, or of an authority of the Commonwealth, or of a State, or of an authority of a State.”.

31st May, 1939.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill to the end of clause 9 had expired—

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Green	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 33.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Nock

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Mr. Casey moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gregory	Sir Frederick Stewart
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Street
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Nock

Noes, 23.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Martens, and Mr. Scholfield.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.