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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 94.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 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. ADDITIONS TO GENERAL POST OFFICE, SYDNEY—ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER AND SIGNING OF CONTRACT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that Mr. Justice Maxwell would be appointed as a Royal Commissioner to conduct the proposed inquiry.
3. FLOUR TAX LEGISLATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the validity of the Flour Tax legislation had been upheld by the High Court of Australia in a judgment given this day.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Canberra—Cost of Living—Reports (Nos. 1 to 6) by Sir William Clemens.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 45.
5. PETROLEUM OIL SEARCH BILL 1939.—Mr. Perkins (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Oil Search Acts* 1936.
Question—put and passed.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ERECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, DARWIN.—Mr. Perkins (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, 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 :—Darwin, Northern Territory—Erection of Administrative Offices.
Mr. Perkins having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
8. NATIONAL REGISTRATION 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.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Corser	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock

Noes, 25.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Maloney	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Committee be instructed by the House that it has power to consider the taking of a census of military service of all kinds and in all places. Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Anthony
Mr. Cameron
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Jennings
Mr. McCall
Mr. Nock
Sir Earle Page
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Rankin
Mr. White

Tellers:

Mr. Hunter
Mr. Nairn

Noes, 48.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mahoney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Makin
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maloney
Mr. Clark	Mr. Martens
Mr. Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gander	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Green	Sir Frederick Stewart
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Street
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holt	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wilson
Mr. James	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
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And so it was negatived.

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.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Street (Minister for Defence) moved, That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10. STATES GRANTS (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) 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. Forde 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Badman, Mr. Blain, Mr. Fadden, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McHugh, Mr. Price, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. Thorby.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.