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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 98.

THURSDAY, 15TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Advances to Settlers Act—Statement of cases in which Minister has varied terms and conditions of repayments of advances for purchase of wire and wire netting.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Australia Survey Act—Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia—Report of Committee, for period ended 31st December, 1938.
Ordered to be printed.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
4. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1939-40.

Debate resumed on the motion previously moved by Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer), viz. :—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1939-40, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £10,477,100.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Holt (Minister assisting the Minister for Supply and Development) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Badman	Mr. McCall
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Price
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock

Noes, 28.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. White
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Martens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gander
Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Martens	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby	Mr. McHugh	
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White		
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock		
Mr. McCall			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Declaration of Supply Bill as Urgent Bill.—Mr. Spender declared that the Supply Bill (No. 1) 1939-40 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, 36.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Martens	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby	Mr. McHugh	
Mr. Jolly	Mr. White		
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McCall	Mr. Nock		
Mr. McEwen			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- (a) For the initial stages, including the first reading, until 6.15 p.m. this day.
- (b) For the second reading, until 8.15 p.m. this day.
- (c) For the Committee stage, until 9.20 p.m. this day.
- (d) For the remaining stages, until 9.30 p.m. this day.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

15th June, 1939.

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

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gander
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby	Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Jolly	Mr. White		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gander
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby	Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Jolly	Mr. White		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Spender moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means, that the Resolution reported from the Committee be adopted, that Mr. Spender and Mr. Street do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution, and that the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gander
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby	Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Jolly	Mr. White		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1939-40.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty* ”, and the Bill was read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes past eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second reading of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At twenty minutes past nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report.

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

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past nine o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

6. 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1939.

Debate continued.

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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 390), the Bill was read a third time.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL REGISTRATION BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 92.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th June, 1939.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 93.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th June, 1939.

15th and 16th June, 1939.

9. DEFENCE BILL 1939.—Mr. Street (Minister for Defence), pursuant to leave given on the 5th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Defence Act 1903–1934 ’, and for other purposes* ”, 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.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Brennan 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 a later hour this day.

10. ALIENS REGISTRATION BILL 1938.—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 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior), the following amendments were made :—

Page 1, lines 8–10, omit the definition of “ alien ”, insert the following definition :—

- “ ‘ alien ’ means any person over the age of sixteen years other than a person who—
 (a) is a British subject within the meaning of the *Nationality Act 1920–1936* ; or
 (b) is, by reason of a declaration made under section eighteen A of that Act, entitled, whilst in Australia or any Territory, to all political and other rights, powers and privileges to which a natural born British subject is entitled : ”.

Page 1, line 18, after “ Commonwealth ” insert “ or of a State ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Blackburn, the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 23, omit “ for official purposes ”, insert “ by a person authorized in writing by the Minister ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins, the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause :—

- “ (1A.) Every alien making application to be registered as an alien under this Act shall make application in the name which he bears at the time of making the application but shall also state in the application the name which appeared on his passport or other document of identity when he first entered the Commonwealth or, if he produced no passport or other document of identity, the name by which he was then known.”.

Page 2, line 29, omit “ the last preceding sub-section ”, insert “ sub-section (1.) of this section ”.

Mr. Cameron moved, as a further amendment, That after “ days ” (page 2, line 39) the words “ , or such shorter period as the Minister, in any particular case, may direct ” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Collins	Mr. Price
Mr. Corser	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Francis	Sir Frederick Stewart
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McCall	Mr. Nock

Noes, 20.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Martens	Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15th and 16th June, 1939.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Perkins (Minister in charge of External Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Frost, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, and Mr. Wilson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.