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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 103.

TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1939.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CANADA AND AUSTRALIA—EXCHANGE OF HIGH COMMISSIONERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proposed appointment by Canada of a High Commissioner in Australia, and announced that Australia would make a reciprocal appointment to Canada of a High Commissioner for Australia.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Trading with the Enemy Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 100.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Trading with the Enemy*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

[*Judiciary Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 101.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903-1937'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

[*National Security Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 102.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision for the Safety and Defence of the Commonwealth and its Territories during the present state of War*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th September, 1939, a.m.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 83.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Trading with the Enemy Act 1939* "" *National Security Act 1939* "

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 9th September, 1939.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Report—Mineral Lubricating Oil.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Nauru—Ordinances of 1939—

No. 2—Appropriation 1939.

No. 3—Nauruan Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation 1939.

Papua and New Guinea—Report of Committee appointed to survey the possibility of establishing a combined administration, and to recommend a capital site.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 68, 69.

Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 47.

Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 67.

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6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ERECTION OF HOSTEL AT FORREST, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Perkins :—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, viz. :—The erection of a Hostel at Forrest, Australian Capital Territory—
Question—put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
8. WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the nine motions moved by Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) on the 8th September, 1939 (*see* pages 452–3).

Motions agreed to.

Resolutions 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. 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Spender and Mr. Fairbairn do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.
Question—put and passed.
10. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1939.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up the following Bills :—
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1938 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930–1938 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930–1938 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930–1938 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930–1938 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1938 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930–1938 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930–1938 " ;
A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930–1938 ",
and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bills read a first time.
Mr. Spender moved, That the Bills 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 a later hour this day.

11. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£8,040
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be agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to 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. Hunter, Mr. Lane, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Paterson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.