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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 104.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 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. NATIONAL SECURITY REGULATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the power to prohibit meetings, given by Regulation 44 of the Defence (National Security—General) Regulations, would not be delegated but would be exercised by the Minister for Defence.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—  
Vessels not exceeding 500 tons gross register; and Vessels (Supplementary Report).  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1938-39, together with Summary of Recommendations.  
Ordered—That the Report be printed.  
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals—Report for year 1938-39.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes at Pymble, New South Wales.  
New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1939—No. 6—Supply 1939-1940.
4. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) 1939.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1930-1936*.  
Question—put and passed.  
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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 3, General Business.
6. DEFENCE BILL (No. 2) 1939.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Act 1903-1939*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Curtin 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. REGULATIONS BILL 1939.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide that Regulations made under the *Defence Act 1903-1939* or the *Supply and Development Act 1939* or the *National Registration Act 1939* shall not take effect until they have been laid before each House of the Parliament.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Curtin 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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8. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL (No. 2) 1939.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Supply and Development Act* 1939.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Curtin 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. 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

be agreed to.

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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RESERVATION OF BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 84.*

A Bill intituled "*Judiciary 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 reserved the said Bill for His Majesty's pleasure.

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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 twenty-one 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).

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*