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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 109.

THURSDAY, 21ST 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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—  
Report, together with Plans, relating to the proposed erection of a Hostel at Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.
3. TIMBER PRICES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to allegations of unauthorized increases in the prices of timber.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—  
Cordage rope and twines n.e.i.  
Cotton-growing industry.  
Valves for wireless telegraphy and telephony and bases for such valves.  
Wire Netting.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
Torpedoes, Salvage of—International Convention (Paris, 12th June, 1934); and Additional Protocol (Paris, 12th January, 1938).  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—  
Rottneest Island, Western Australia.  
South Arm, Tasmania.  
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1938-39.
5. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—  
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered.—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 1, General Business.
7. DEFENCE BILL (No. 2) 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 and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

On the motion of Mr. Street (Minister for Defence), the following amendments were made:—

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

“(1A.) Sub-section (3.) of section one of the *Defence Act 1939* is repealed.”.

Page 1, line 5, omit “1939”, insert “1934, as amended by the *Defence Act 1939*”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens	Mr. Anthony	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McHugh	Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Spurr	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins	Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. James		Mr. Holt	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Mahoney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander	Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Maloney	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Jolly	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Lane	Mr. Nock
		Mr. John Lawson	

And so it was negatived.

Clause 4—

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

Page 2, line 14, omit “by”.

Page 2, lines 16-28, omit paragraphs (b), (c) and (d).

Mr. Street moved, as a further amendment, That all words after “this” (page 2, lines 30) to the end of line 33 be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof:—

“section ‘conscientious beliefs’ includes all conscientious beliefs, whether the ground thereof is or is not of a religious character, and whether the beliefs are or are not part of the doctrines of any religion.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 46.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Badman	Mr. Makin	Mr. Anthony	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens	Mr. Cameron	
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McHugh	Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Lane	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Perkins	Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Collins	Mr. Price	Mr. Paterson	
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Rankin	
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Scholfield	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Spender	Mr. White	
Mr. Frost	Mr. Spurr	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Gander	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Hutchinson	
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Nock	
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Holt	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. James	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Street, the following further amendment was made:—Page 2, lines 34-41, omit definition of “actual invasion”.

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Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Street, the following amendment was made :—Page 3, omit all words after “ following ” (line 2) to the end of the clause, insert “ sub-sections :—

“ (2.) If an application for exemption under paragraph (i) of sub-section (1.) of section sixty-one of this Act is refused by any court authorized as provided in sub-section (1.) of this section, an appeal shall lie from the decision to the High Court or to the Supreme Court of the State or Territory of the Commonwealth in which the application was made.

“ (3.) An appeal may be on questions of fact as well as on questions of law, and shall, at the request of the appellant, be by way of re-hearing.

“ (4.) The Justices of the High Court or a majority of them may make Rules of Court for regulating the practice and procedure in relation to appeals to a Court under sub-section (2.) of this section.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Rosevear reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 11), EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 5).—  
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 11).

(1.) That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the ninth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939 as so amended.

(2.) That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1.) of this Resolution, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

(3.) That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

(4.) That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph (2.) of this Resolution may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

(5.) That in this Resolution, unless the contrary intention appears—

“ Customs Tariff Proposals ” means the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

3rd May, 1939 ;  
8th September, 1939 ; and  
14th September, 1939.

“ Proclamation ” means a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;

“ the Intermediate Tariff ” means the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to this Resolution, in the column headed “ Intermediate Tariff ”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.

229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“ (A) Power kerosene ; kerosene and other refined petroleum burning oils, n.e.i. - - -

Free	Free	Free ”
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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>Division VII.—Oils, Paints, and Varnishes—<i>continued.</i></b>			
229— <i>continued.</i>			
By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—			
“ (b) Having a recoverable petrol content* exceeding 70 per cent. . . . . per gallon	8d.	8d.	8d.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (5) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (5) Once-run distillate from crude petroleum n.e.i. . . . . per gallon	8d.	8d.	8d.”
By adding to sub-item (B) a new paragraph (7) as follows :—			
“ (7) Crude lubricating distillate from crude petroleum for use in the production of mineral lubricating oils by distillation, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws . . . . . per gallon	4½d.	5½d.	7d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (c) Petroleum and shale products, viz. :— Naphtha, benzine, benzoline, gasoline, pentane, petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit . . . . . per gallon	8d.	8d.	8d.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (2) N.E.I. . . . . per gallon	8d.	8d.	8d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (E) Lubricating (Mineral)† . . . . . per gallon † An admixture not exceeding 2 per cent. of any vegetable or animal oil or other foreign matter shall not be deemed to render the oil liable to any higher duty.”	6½d.	7½d.	9d.

## EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 5).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1938 as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals be further amended as on and after the ninth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, as follows :—

By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) of Item 11.

That in this Resolution “Excise Tariff Proposals” means the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates :—

4th May, 1938 ; and

8th September, 1939.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Harrison (Postmaster-General) 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.

10. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
12. INCOME TAX 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—  
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, after debate.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn 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 492), the Bill was read a third time.

13. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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 to 4 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. FLOUR TAX (WHEAT INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE) ASSESSMENT BILL 1939.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to insert provisions in the *Flour Tax (Wheat Industry Assistance) Assessment Act 1938* relating to certain declarations made by the Minister.  
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.  
Mr. Spender moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Spender moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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. Nairn reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1939–40.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1939–40 a sum not exceeding £7,433,800.  
Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

16. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) 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.
17. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

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18. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1939-40.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, 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 £7,433,800.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

19. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 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 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.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 88.*

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 20th September, 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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn 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.

Debate ensued.

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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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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21. STATES GRANTS 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 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. Price 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 486), the Bill was read a third time.

22. 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. 89.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ Defence Equipment Act 1939 ”

“ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 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.

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23. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1937–38.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1937–38.

Debate resumed on the motion previously moved by Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer), viz. :—

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1937–38, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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The Parliament .. .. .	5,836
The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	22,251
The Department of External Affairs .. .. .	1,313
The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	13,615
The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	10,519
The Department of the Interior .. .. .	17,767
The Department of Defence .. .. .	273,406
The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	27,378
The Department of Health .. .. .	3,795
The Department of Commerce .. .. .	23,436
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	239,759
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	55,656
War Services .. .. .	16,424
Total Part I. .. .. .	711,155

Part II.—Business Undertakings.

Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	12,849
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	149,292
Total Part II. .. .. .	162,141

Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.

Northern Territory .. .. .	22,081
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	5,540
New Guinea .. .. .	1,135
Norfolk Island .. .. .	1,840
Total Part III. .. .. .	30,596
Total .. .. .	903,892

Question—put and passed.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1937-38.

Mr. Spender moved—

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1937-38 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £394,902.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

24. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) 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.
25. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer), were adopted by the House.
26. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1937-38.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1937-38.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1937-38, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £903,892.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1937-38.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1937-38, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £394,902.

Questions—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. 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. John Lawson do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

27. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1937-38.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight* ”, 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.  
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.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

28. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1937-38.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, 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.  
Debate ensued.

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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.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

29. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TRACTOR BOUNTY BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 90.*

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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Tractors.

Canberra, 5th September, 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. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Tractors.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

Mr. John Lawson 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. John Lawson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. John Lawson and Mr. Street do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

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.

30. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SULPHUR BOUNTY BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 91.*

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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Sulphur.

Canberra, 5th September, 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. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Sulphur.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

21st and 22nd September, 1939.

Question—put and passed.

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

Ordered—That Mr. John Lawson and Mr. Street do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

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.

31. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WIRE NETTING BOUNTY BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 92.*

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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Wire Netting.

Canberra, 5th September, 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. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Wire Netting.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Mr. John Lawson 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. John Lawson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. John Lawson and Mr. Street do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

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.

32. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 93.*

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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Raw Cotton.

Canberra, 19th September, 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. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Raw Cotton.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Mr. John Lawson 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.

21st and 22nd September, 1939.

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

Ordered—That Mr. John Lawson and Mr. Street do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Gregory, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Prowse.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*