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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 121.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1939.

- 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.
- PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.**—Mr. Francis (Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works), brought up the following Report from the Committee:—
Report relating to the proposed erection of Administrative Offices at Darwin, Northern Territory,
Ordered to be printed.
- FINLAND AND RUSSIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the appeal to the League of Nations by Finland against acts of aggression by Russia.
- RATES OF PAY OF MILITARY FORCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the decisions of the Government to increase the rates of pay to members of the Militia and of the Special Military Force for service overseas, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Rates of Pay of Military Forces—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Statement be referred back to the Prime Minister to enable a further statement to be made providing for the rates of pay and allowances for the Second Australian Imperial Force to be 7s. a day plus 1s. a day deferred pay with an allowance of 3s. per day for a wife and 1s. 6d. for each dependent child—the unallotted part of the soldier's pay to be paid in sterling; and for the militia and other mobilized forces the rate for a private to be 8s. a day and allowances of 3s. a day for a wife and 1s. 6d. for each dependent child".
Debate ensued.
Mr. McCall moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Badman	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Collins	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Francis	Mr. Price
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. Thompson
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jolly	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McCall	Mr. Nock

Noes, 29.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Green	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. Gander
Mr. Martens	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Aircraft Personnel—Documents of Identity—Exchange of Notes between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and India, and the Netherlands (The Hague, 21st August, 1939).
 Reports of Australian Government and Trade Commissioners in United States of America, Canada, China, Egypt, Netherlands India, and New Zealand, for 1938–39.
 National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declaration No. 20.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Northern Australia Survey Act—Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia—Report of Committee, for period ended 30th June, 1939.

Ordered to be printed.

Apple and Pear Bounty Act—Report on working of the Act, together with return showing amount of bounty paid for 1937.

Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, for year 1938–39, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Citrus Fruits Bounty Act—Report on working of the Act, together with return showing amount of bounty paid for 1938.

Commonwealth Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Balance-sheet and Liquidation Account, 28th February, 1939, with Auditor-General's report.

Customs Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 161, 163.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Fourteenth Annual Report of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1938–39, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 159.

Meat Export Control Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1938–39, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

National Security Act—

National Security (Fair Rents) Regulations—Rules—Fair Rents Boards—Victoria, Queensland, and Tasmania.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders Nos. 40–43.

Papua Act—Ordinance of 1939—No. 14—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) (No. 2).

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Eleventh Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1938–39, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SULPHUR BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER.

Message No. 125.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sulphur Bounty Act 1939’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 5th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,
 President.

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRACTOR BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 126.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Tractor Bounty Act 1939’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 5th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,
 President.

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WIRE NETTING BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 127.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Wire Netting Bounty Act 1939’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1939.

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NEWSPRINTING PAPER BOUNTY BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 128.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Newsprinting Paper Bounty Act 1938’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1939.

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADE AGREEMENT (BRAZIL) BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 129.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to approve an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Brazil* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1939.

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADE AGREEMENT (NEWFOUNDLAND) BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 130.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to approve an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Newfoundland in relation to Duties of Customs* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1939.

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.

13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this month.
Question—put and passed.

14. TRADE MARKS BILL 1939.—Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Trade Marks and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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.

15. LOAN 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.

5th December, 1939.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
 Schedule debated and agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 556) the Bill was read a third time.

16. GOLD TAX BILL 1939 [No. 2].—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 to 6 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 555) the Bill was read a third time.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—GOLD TAX COLLECTION BILL 1939 [No. 2].—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 103.

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 relating to the Imposition and Collection of a Tax upon Gold.

Canberra, 1st December, 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 (Acting Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition and Collection of a Tax upon Gold.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender, by leave, was adopted by the House.

18. GOLD TAX COLLECTION BILL 1939 [No. 2].—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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SHIP BOUNTY BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 131.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Construction of Ships and Parts of Ships*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 5th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,
 President.

5th and 6th December, 1939.

20. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.
21. **NATIONAL OIL PROPRIETARY LIMITED AGREEMENT BILL 1939.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Minister assisting the Minister for Supply and Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. James 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.
22. **WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 10).**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 14th September, 1939 (pages 471-83). Item 27 further debated and agreed to.

Items 51, 58 and 98 agreed to.

Item 105 debated—

Question—That the Item be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 38.
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Barnard	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Holt	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Price
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Paterson	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Perkins	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Prowse	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Spender	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scully
Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Francis	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Street	Mr. Frost	Mr. Spurr
	Mr. Green	Mr. Thorby
<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gardner	Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Nock	Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
	Mr. Jolly	Mr. Wilson
	Mr. Lane	
	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
	Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gander
	Mr. Martens	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was negatived.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.

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

23. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1939.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 132.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 5th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

24. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Casey, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, and Mr. Stacey.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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