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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 123.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1939.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Sixteenth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by Board of Commissioners, dated 4th December, 1939.  
National Security Act—National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.
3. POSTAL RATES (DEFENCE FORCES) BILL 1939.—Mr. Harrison (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for Special Rates of Postage for Mail Matter addressed to or posted by Members of the Naval, Military and Air Forces of the Commonwealth.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Harrison 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.
4. AIR FORCE BILL 1939.—Mr. Holt (Acting Minister for Air) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Force Act 1923*, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.  
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL (No. 3) 1939.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Acting Minister for Supply and Development) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Section fifteen of the *Supply and Development Act 1939*, as amended by the *Supply and Development Act (No. 2) 1939*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Frederick Stewart 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.  
Sir Frederick Stewart moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.  
Question—put and passed.
6. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1939.—Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1937*.  
Question—put and passed.
7. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1939 [No. 2].—Mr. Perkins (Minister in charge of External Territories), for Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections fifty and seventy-two of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1937*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Perkins 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. Perkins moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.  
Question—put and passed.

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8. DEFENCE BILL (No. 3) 1939.—Mr. Holt (Acting Minister for Air), for Mr. Street (Minister for the Army), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section thirty-one of the *Defence Act* 1903–1934, as amended by the *Defence Act* 1939 and the *Defence Act* (No. 2) 1939.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

9. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1939–40 [No. 2].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (*see* page 548), 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.

Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of the Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1939–40 [No. 2].

Vote—“Parliament, £1,400”—debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Mr. Perkins (Minister in charge of External Territories) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1939–40, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £3,534,000.

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.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Acting 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.

11. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1939–40 [No. 2].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1939–40, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £3,534,000.

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.

14. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1939–40.—Mr. Spender (Acting 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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*”, 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.)

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.

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15. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1939-40 [No. 2].—The House, according to Order, again 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.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1939.

General debate continued.

General debate concluded.

First Item agreed to.

Remainder of Estimates taken as a whole, by leave, and agreed to.

Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House :—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1939-40, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £40,090,300.

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings  
and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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The Parliament .. .. .	142,700
The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	549,200
The Department of External Affairs .. .. .	19,000
The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	891,700
The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	219,900
The Department of the Interior .. .. .	686,900
The Department of Defence—including War (1939) Services .. .. .	12,636,000
The Department of Supply and Development .. .. .	668,000
The Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .	486,800
The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	720,600
The Department of Health .. .. .	142,400
The Department of Commerce .. .. .	510,800
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	1,265,000
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	1,500,000
Advance to the Treasurer .. .. .	4,000,000
War Services (1914-18) Payable out of Revenue .. .. .	1,318,000
<b>Total PART I .. .. .</b>	<b>25,757,000</b>

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	910,900
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	12,712,400
<b>Total PART 2 .. .. .</b>	<b>13,623,300</b>

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory .. .. .	305,380
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	355,430
Papua .. .. .	44,190
New Guinea .. .. .	1,000
Norfolk Island .. .. .	4,000
<b>Total PART 3 .. .. .</b>	<b>710,000</b>
<b>TOTAL .. .. .</b>	<b>40,090,300</b>

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be 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.

16. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Acting 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 (Acting Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

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18. WAYS AND MEANS--ESTIMATES, 1939-40 [No. 2].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Acting 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 £22,179,400.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

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. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

19. APPROPRIATION BILL 1939-40.—Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*”, 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.)

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, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

21. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Rules Publication Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 138.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Rules Publication Act 1903-1934’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*National Oil Proprietary Limited Agreement Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 140.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part, the State of New South Wales of the Second Part, and National Oil Proprietary Limited of the Third Part*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 4) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 141.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Bill (No. 2) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 142.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1938’*, as amended by the ‘*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1939*’”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

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[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 143.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1938'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 5) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 144.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Bill (No. 3) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 145.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1938', as amended by the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1939' and by the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act (No. 2) 1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 6) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 146.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Bill (No. 2) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 147.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1938', as amended by the 'Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Bill (No. 4) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 148.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1938', as amended by the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1939', by the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act (No. 2) 1939' and by the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act (No. 3) 1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 7) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 149.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Excise Tariff Bill (No. 3) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 150.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Excise*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

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[*Customs Tariff (Newfoundland Preference) Bill 1939*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 151.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WHEAT INDUSTRY (WAR-TIME CONTROL) BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 135.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to the Financial Arrangements necessary for carrying out a Scheme for the Regulation and Control of the Wheat Industry during the present War*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Spender moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At seventeen minutes past seven o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At eleven o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

23. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SEVENTH REPORT.—Mr. Jennings brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Apple and Pear Organization Act—First Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, for period ended 30th June, 1939, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1938-39.

Australian Wool Board—Third Annual Report, for year 1938-39.

Bankruptcy Act—Eleventh Annual Report by Attorney-General, for year ended 31st July, 1939.

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.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Sixteenth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by Board of Commissioners, dated 4th December, 1939.

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.

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board for year 1938-39, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Liquid Fuels—Commonwealth Standing Committee—Fourth Report, dated 25th July, 1939.

Liquid Fuels—Commonwealth Standing Committee—Fifth Report—Compressed Gas—dated 6th November, 1939.

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.

Reports of Australian Government and Trade Commissioners in United States of America, Canada, China, Egypt, Netherlands India, and New Zealand, for 1938-39.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1938-39.

Science and Industry Research Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of Council for year 1938-39.

Sugar Agreement—Eighth Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee, for year ended 31st August, 1939.

Taxation—Twenty-first Report of the Commissioner, years 1937-38 : Land Tax, Income Tax, Estate Duty : 1938-39 : Sales Tax, Flour Tax, Wool Tax.

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War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission for year 1938–39, together with Statements and Balance-sheet.  
 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.

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JNO. T. JENNINGS,  
 for Chairman.

Mr. Jennings moved, by leave. That the Report be agreed to.  
 Question—put and passed.

24. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT (WAR POWERS) BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 139.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make special Provisions with respect to Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright in Consequence of the War, 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.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
 President.

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.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 5, clause 7, lines 30–31, leave out "the right to the use of the trade mark given by the registration thereof so far as regards use thereof", insert "the rights given by the registration of the trade mark so far as regards use of the trade mark".

No. 2.—Page 5, clause 7, lines 41–42, leave out "right to the use of the trade mark given by the registration thereof", insert "rights given by the registration of the trade mark".

On the motion of Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General), the Amendments were agreed to.  
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
26. RAW COTTON BOUNTY 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. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 579) the Bill was read a third time.

27. MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINE BOUNTY 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.  
 Mr. Price 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.
28. AIR FORCE BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Acting Minister for Air) moved, 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.

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29. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
League of Nations—Nineteenth Assembly, September, 1938—Report of the Australian Delegation.

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

International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Twenty-fifth Session, Geneva, June, 1939—Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

30. MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINE BOUNTY 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.

Mr. Cameron 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 Bill be deferred and the proposals be submitted to the Tariff Board for consideration and report in the light of present world conditions".

Debate continued.

Mr. Blain rising to address the House—

*Closure moved.*—Mr. Rosevear moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. McCall
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Collins	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Price
Mr. Corser	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scully
Mr. Francis	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gander	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Green	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holt	Mr. Watkins
Mr. James	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 11.

Mr. Anthony
Mr. Badman
Mr. Cameron
Mr. Gregory
Mr. McEwen
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Thorby

*Tellers:*

Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Nock

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 565) the Bill was read a third time.

31. DEFENCE BILL (No. 3) 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army) 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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32. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—POSTAL RATES (DEFENCE FORCES) BILL 1939.—Mr. Harrison (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Order of the Day, viz. —Postal Rates (Defence Forces) Bill 1939—Second reading—made an Order of the Day for the next sitting, being made the next Order of the Day for this sitting. Question—put and passed.

33. POSTAL RATES (DEFENCE FORCES) 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. 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

34. AIR FORCE 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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Acting Minister for Air), the following amendment was made, after debate :—Page 2, line 28, after “ Act ” insert the following proviso :—

“ Provided further that, notwithstanding anything contained in this or any other Act—

(a) a person called upon to serve in the Citizen Forces under section sixty of the Defence Act shall not be required, unless he voluntarily agrees to do so, to enlist or serve in the Air Force ; and

(b) a person who is liable to be trained under Part XII. of the Defence Act shall not be allotted to the Air Force unless—

(i) being under the age of eighteen years, his parents or guardians consent to his being so allotted ; or

(ii) being of the age of eighteen years or more, he consents to be so allotted.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following amendment was made :—Page 2, at the end of proposed new section four add the following :—

“ Provided that no member of the Air Force appointed or enlisted for service within the limits of Australia only shall be required to serve beyond those limits unless he voluntarily agrees so to serve.

“ (2.) For the purposes of this section the term ‘ Australia ’ has the same meaning as in the Defence Act.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

35. PAPER.—Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1939–40—Papers presented by the Honorable P. C. Spender, K.C., M.P., for the information of honorable Members in connexion with the revision of the Budget of 1939–40.

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

36. WHEAT INDUSTRY (WAR-TIME CONTROL) BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Spender (Acting 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.)

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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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37. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL (No. 3) 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Frederick Stewart (Acting Minister for Supply and Development) 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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Frederick Stewart, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

38. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1939 [No. 2].—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Perkins (Minister in charge of External Territories) 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

39. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 25 and 26, Government Business.

40. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) 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.*)

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. Perkins (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

41. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) 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.*)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

42. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CANVAS AND DUCK 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. 107.*

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 Canvas and Duck.

Canberra, 7th December, 1939.

7th and 8th 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. 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 Canvas and Duck.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse 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. Harrison 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.

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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

43. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TYRE CORD 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. 108.*

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 Tyre Cord and Tyre Cord Fabric.

Canberra, 7th 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. 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 Tyre Cord and Tyre Cord Fabric.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse 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.

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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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44. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1939.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

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, by leave, 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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

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

Page 1, lines 8–10, omit “ (whether before the dissolution of the present House of Representatives or at or after that dissolution and ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

45. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL 1939.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

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, by leave, 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.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 1, lines 10–11, omit “ (whether before the dissolution of the present House of Representatives or at or after that dissolution and ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

46. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1939.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

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, by leave, 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.

Clause 3—

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

Page 1, lines 8–10, omit “ (whether before the dissolution of the present House of Representatives or at or after that dissolution and ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

47. 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.

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48. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Perkins (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) 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.

49. COMPARISON OF PRICE MOVEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to methods adopted to control prices in 1914 and 1939.

50. 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. 109.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Ship Bounty Act 1939* ”

“ *Loan Act (No. 2) 1939* ”

“ *National Oil Proprietary Limited Agreement 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, 8th December, 1939.

51. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Nauru—Ordinances of 1939—

No. 4—Appropriation (Supplementary) 1938.

No. 5—Nauruan Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation (Supplementary) 1938.

No. 6—Licences.

No. 7—Defence.

No. 8—Wireless Censorship.

No. 9—Postal Censorship.

No. 10—Defence (No. 2).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1939—

No. 28—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 29—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

No. 30—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of L. J. Rogers, Prime Minister's Department.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—

Lismore, New South Wales.

Inglewood, Western Australia.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1939—

No. 23—Oaths.

No. 24—Evidence (No. 2).

No. 25—Licensing.

No. 26—Workmen's Compensation (No. 2).

Papua Act—Ordinances of 1939—

No. 8—Supplementary Appropriation, 1938–1939.

No. 12—Appropriation, 1939–1940.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1939—

No. 13—Walter Oswald Watt Memorial Fund.

No. 14—Industrial Board.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At two minutes to eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At twenty-eight minutes past nine o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

52. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1939–40*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 152.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

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[*Appropriation Bill 1939-40*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 153.

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 the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

[*Raw Cotton Bounty Bill 1939 [No. 2]*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 154.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1934-1938'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

[*Motor Vehicle Engine Bounty Bill 1939*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 155.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Motor Vehicle Engines*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

[*Defence Bill (No. 3) 1939*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 156.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section thirty-one of the 'Defence Act 1903-1934', as amended by the 'Defence Act 1939' and the 'Defence Act (No. 2) 1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

[*Postal Rates (Defence Forces) Bill 1939*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 157.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for Special Rates of Postage for Mail Matter addressed to or posted by Members of the Naval, Military and Air Forces of the Commonwealth*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

[*Supply and Development Bill (No. 3) 1939*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 158.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section fifteen of the 'Supply and Development Act 1939', as amended by the 'Supply and Development Act (No. 2) 1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

[*Commonwealth Public Service Bill 1939 [No. 2]*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 159.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend sections fifty and seventy-two of the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1937'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

[*Canvas and Duck Bounty Bill 1939*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 160.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Canvas and Duck*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

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[*Air Force Bill 1939*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Air Force Act 1923', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

Message No. 161.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Tyre Cord Bounty Bill 1939*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the production of Tyre Cord and Tyre Cord Fabric*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

Message No. 162.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill 1939*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

Message No. 163.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Bill 1939*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

Message No. 164.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Bill 1939*]

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th December, 1939.

Message No. 165.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

53. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next meeting.

Question—put and passed.

54. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

55. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

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

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

1937-38-39-40.

## MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 8th December, 1939 :—

### ASSENT TO BILLS.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 110.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Postal Rates (Defence Forces) Act 1939* ”
- “ *Trade Agreement (Newfoundland) Act 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Newfoundland Preference) 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, 11th December, 1939.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 111.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Gold Tax Collection Act 1939* ”
- “ *Gold Tax Act 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (No. 3) 1939* ”
- “ *Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1939* ”
- “ *Rules Publication Act 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (No. 4) 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act (No. 2) 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (No. 5) 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act (No. 3) 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) (No. 2) 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (No. 6) 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act (No. 4) 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (No. 7) 1939* ”
- “ *Excise Tariff (No. 3) 1939* ”
- “ *Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright (War Powers) Act 1939* ”
- “ *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1939-40* ”
- “ *Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1939* ”
- “ *Motor Vehicle Engine Bounty Act 1939* ”
- “ *Defence Act (No. 3) 1939* ”
- “ *Supply and Development Act (No. 3) 1939* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1939* ”
- “ *Canvas and Duck Bounty Act 1939* ”
- “ *Air Force Act 1939* ”
- “ *Tyre Cord Bounty Act 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Act 1939* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Act 1939* ”
- “ *Sulphur Bounty Act (No. 2) 1939* ”
- “ *Tractor Bounty Act (No. 2) 1939* ”
- “ *Wire Netting Bounty Act (No. 2) 1939* ”
- “ *Newsprinting Paper Bounty Act 1939* ”
- “ *Trade Agreement (Brazil) Act 1939* ”
- “ *Wheat Industry (War-time Control) Act 1939* ”
- “ *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1939* ”
- “ *Seat of Government (Administration) 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.

Admiralty House,

Sydney, 15th December, 1939.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 112.*

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Appropriation Act 1939-40* ” 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 Law.

Admiralty House,

Sydney, 16th December, 1939.