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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 33.

TUESDAY, 1ST JULY, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MR. JOHN LYNCH.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 15th June last, of Mr. John Lynch, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. John Lynch, a former Member for the Division of Werriwa, places on record its appreciation of his public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement. And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General), Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Collins (Postmaster-General) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1941-42.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

<p>MR. SPEAKER,</p> <p>The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " <i>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-two</i> ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.</p> <p>The Senate, Canberra, 27th June, 1941.</p>	<p><i>Message No. 58.</i></p> <p>J. B. HAYES, President.</p>
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4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

<p>GOWRIE,</p> <p><i>Governor-General.</i></p> <p>A Proposed Law intituled " <i>Supply Act (No. 1) 1941-42</i> " 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.</p> <p>Government House, Canberra, 30th June, 1941.</p>	<p><i>Message No. 34.</i></p>
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5. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House, further to his announcement on the 26th June last, that Mr. Holt would continue to be Minister in charge of Scientific and Industrial Research, and that the Minister for the Interior and the Minister for Information would be represented in the House of Representatives by Mr. McDonald.
6. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONSHIPS.—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the necessity for a maximum industrial effort to provide equipment and armaments, and for a review of the existing and proposed Conciliation and Arbitration legislation.
Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, also made a Statement on the subject.
7. NEWSPRINT RATIONING.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to published statements concerning newsprint rationing, and laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—

Newsprint Rationing—Ministerial Statement by the Minister for Trade and Customs, 1st July, 1941—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
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.
8. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS AND COMMITTEES.—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Stacey, by leave, made a Statement with reference to the allocation of new Ministerial portfolios between the States, and the appointment of Committees.

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9. NEW GUINEA GOLD-FIELDS INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McDonald (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the new conditions and rates agreed to in the settlement of the strike on the New Guinea gold-fields.
10. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Scully rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The wheat stabilization scheme of the Government, having special regard to the restrictions imposed by the Wheat Industry Stabilization Board, and the Government's failure to make payments more expeditiously to the farmers with respect to the wheat supplied to the respective pools".
- Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
- Mr. Scully moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Ordered—That Mr. Scully be granted an extension of time.
- Debate ensued.
- Ordered—That Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) be granted an extension of time.
- Ordered—That Mr. Langtry be granted an extension of time.
- Ordered—That Mr. Badman be granted an extension of time.
- Ordered—That Mr. Wilson be granted an extension of time.
- Debate continued.
- Question—put and negatived.
11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 137.
- Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—
- No. 9—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
- No. 10—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 11—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
- No. 12—Operative Stonemasons' Society of Australia.
- Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 145.
- Customs Act—
- Proclamation prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of Cotton Waste (dated 25th June, 1941).
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 136.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 135.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 120.
- National Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 138, 139, 140.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 144.
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
- Ordinance—1941—No. 10—Licensing (No. 2).
- Regulations—1941—
- No. 4 (Lottery and Gaming Ordinance).
- No. 6 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).
- Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 121.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
- Ordinances—1941—
- No. 5—Stock.
- No. 6—Industrial Board.
- Regulations—1941—
- No. 2 (Industrial Board Ordinance).
12. NATIONAL FITNESS BILL 1941.—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. Hutchinson 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.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- The House continuing to sit until after midnight—
- WEDNESDAY, 2ND JULY, 1941.
- Debate continued.
- Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-six 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. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

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