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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 37.

THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1932.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Trade between Australia and the Far East—Report by Mr. H. W. Gepp, Consultant on
Development to the Commonwealth Government.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 88.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 89.
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1932—
No. 13—Fisheries.
No. 14—Land.
No. 15—Administrator's Powers.
No. 16—Supply (No. 2) 1932-33.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. BRUCE).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Right Honorable Member for Flinders (Mr. Bruce), on the ground of urgent public business.
Question—put and passed.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. HUGHES).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Right Honorable Member for North Sydney (Mr. Hughes), on the ground of urgent private and public business.
Question—put and passed.
5. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 1st instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'High Commissioner Act 1909'*", 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.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE QUESTIONS IN REGARD TO THE SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the introduction, first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Assessment Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.
Question—put and passed.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS IN REGARD TO SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILLS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Sales Tax Assessment Bills Nos. 1 to 9 to be passed through all stages without delay.
Question—put and passed.
8. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 1) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930-1931*.
Question—put and passed.
9. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1930-1931*.
Question—put and passed.
10. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 3) 1930-1931*.
Question—put and passed.

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11. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 4) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act* (No. 4) 1930–1931.
Question—put and passed.
12. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act* (No. 5) 1930–1931.
Question—put and passed.
13. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 6) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act* (No. 6) 1930–1931.
Question—put and passed.
14. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 7) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act* (No. 7) 1930–1931.
Question—put and passed.
15. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 8) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act* (No. 8) 1930–1931.
Question—put and passed.
16. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 9) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act* (No. 9) 1930–1931.
Question—put and passed.
17. COMMERCE (TRADE DESCRIPTIONS) BILL (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) for Mr. Hawker (Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act* 1905–1930, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
18. NEW GUINEA BILL (1932).—Mr. Marr (Minister for Health), pursuant to leave given on the 1st instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘New Guinea Act 1920–1926’*”, 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.
19. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1932–33.

Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1932–33 a sum not exceeding £3,285,350.

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Baker
Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Forde
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Makin
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Martens
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 43.

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| Mr. Aubrey Abbott | Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Blacklow | Mr. John Lawson |
| Mr. Malcolm Camefon | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Thomas Collins | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Dein | Mr. McGrath |
| Mr. Dennis | Mr. McNicoll |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Nock |
| Mr. Gibson | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Perkins |
| Sir Littleton Groom | Mr. Price |
| Mr. Guy | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. E. F. Harrison | Mr. Stacey |
| Mr. E. J. Harrison | Mr. Frederick Stewart |
| Mr. Hawker | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. William Watson |
| Mr. Holman | |
| Mr. Hutchin | |
| Mr. Hutchinson | |
| Mr. Jennings | |
| Mr. Lane | |

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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

20. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
21. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), was adopted by the House.
22. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1932-33.

Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1932-33, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £3,285,350.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell 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. Latham, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Latham and Mr. Parkhill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

23. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1932-33.**—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) 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 thirty-three,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Latham 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 to 4 agreed to.
The Schedule—

- "The Parliament, £8,280"—agreed to.
- "Prime Minister's Department, £36,730"—debated and agreed to.
- "The Department of the Treasury, £108,590"—debated and agreed to.
- "The Attorney-General's Department, £18,960"—debated and agreed to.
- "The Department of the Interior, £45,000"—debated and agreed to.
- "The Department of Defence, £479,230"—debated and agreed to.
- "The Department of Trade and Customs, £62,540"—debated—

Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. E. C. Riley proceeding to discuss a proposed Customs Tariff duty, the Chairman ruled that an item in the Customs Tariff Schedule could not be discussed on the Vote in the Supply Bill.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. E. C. Riley having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

- "The Department of Trade and Customs, £62,540"—further debated and agreed to.
- "The Department of Health, £11,450"—agreed to.
- "The Department of Commerce, £44,400"—debated and agreed to.
- "Miscellaneous Services, £210"—agreed to.
- "War Services, £67,450"—agreed to.
- "Commonwealth Railways, £70,940"—agreed to.
- "Postmaster-General's Department, £1,220,810"—agreed to.
- "Territories of the Commonwealth, £60,760"—agreed to.
- "Refunds of Revenue, £300,000"—agreed to.
- "Advance to the Treasurer, £750,000"—agreed to.

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Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Latham, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

24. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Defence Act 1903–1927 ’*,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,
 President.

The Senate,
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Mr. Josiah Francis (Assistant Minister for Defence) 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.

25. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Thorby.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.