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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1935.

1. 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.
2. THE LATE SENATOR SIR WALTER KINGSMILL.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Lady Kingsmill a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
3. THE LATE VISCOUNT NOVAR OF RAITH.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the Acting Prime Minister conveying a copy of the following letter from Viscountess Novar to His Excellency the Governor-General, expressing appreciation of the bound copy of the Resolution passed in connexion with the death of Viscount Novar :—

Raith,  
Kirkcaldy,  
22nd January, 1935.

My dear Governor-General,

I have to thank you for your letter of November the 23rd, enclosing a letter from the Prime Minister informing you that he was sending me a bound copy of the Resolutions and Speeches delivered in the two Houses of Parliament on the occasion of Lord Novar's death.

This, together with the unbound copies, has now arrived, and I would ask you to convey to Mr. Lyons, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, my most grateful thanks for their kind thought in providing me with this record of the appreciation of my husband's services so eloquently expressed in the Senate and House of Representatives.

I deeply appreciate this testimony to my husband's memory, and they may be sure that the book in which it is embodied will be regarded as a most treasured possession of myself and those who come after me.

Yours sincerely,  
HELEN NOVAR.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Isaac Isaacs, P.C., K.C.M.G.,  
Governor-General of Australia.

4. PRIVILEGE—LETTER REFLECTING ON MOTIVES AND ACTIONS OF MEMBER.—Mr. Blain raised a question of Privilege in connexion with the action of the Chairman of the Sydney Stock Exchange in writing to Mr. Speaker complaining of a speech made in the House, and moved, That in writing a letter reflecting on the motives and actions of a Member of this House, and in writing a threat, the Chairman of the Sydney Stock Exchange, Mr. E. G. Blackmore, be adjudged guilty of contempt. Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) 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.
5. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) asked leave to move a Motion without Notice. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Census and Statistics Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 22.
  - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 5.
  - Designs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 24.
  - Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 21.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Geraldton, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
  - Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 27.
  - Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 20.
  - Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 23.
  - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Hospital Tax Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

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7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Holloway 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, "Book censorship".

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. Holloway moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Holloway not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

The debate having been continued for two hours—

*Time for debate extended.*—By leave of the House the time for the debate was extended by one hour.

Debate continued.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Blackburn addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Lane addressing the House—

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

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 34.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Casey	Mr. McCall
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Fiske	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Nock
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

8. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1935).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. James moved, as an amendment, That after "omitting" (page 2, line 3) the words "paragraph (c)" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Casey (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the question be now put.

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

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And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 36.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McEwen
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	
Sir Charles Marr	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. James moved, as an amendment, That after “(fa)” (page 2, line 4) the words “and paragraph (fb)” be inserted.

Debate continued.

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

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

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McEwen
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	
Sir Charles Marr	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. James moved, as an amendment, That after “(ga)” (page 2, line 6) the words “and paragraph (h)” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. Garden		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hutchinson	
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Blackburn moved, as an amendment, That the following be added to the clause :—  
“ and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :—

(3.) For the purposes of an invalid pension, a person who is afflicted with a permanent injury or invalidity shall be regarded as permanently incapacitated, if by reason of the nature of his injury or invalidity he cannot reasonably be expected to maintain himself by his own labour.’”

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall	Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Price	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Garden	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White	Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson			
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Maxwell			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Fiske	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Price
Mr. Frost		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Garden		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Hutchinson	
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Maxwell	

And so it was negatived.

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The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Clause agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That after “ cancelled ” (page 2, line 11) the following words be added :—“ and any moneys received by virtue of any of such repealed sections shall be returned to the persons from whom such moneys were received ”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Makin
Mr. Clark	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That after “ thirty-four ” (page 2, line 25) the following words be added :—“ and any moneys received by virtue of the repealed section fifty-two m shall be returned to the persons from whom such moneys were received ”.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Casey asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr. Casey moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Casey	Mr. McCall
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 16.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to one o'clock in the morning, 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. Thomas Collins, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Frederick Stewart, Mr. Thorby, and Mr. Watkins.

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