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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 40.

MONDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1935.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 11th April last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (NEWCASTLE DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 7th May last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honorable David Watkins, and that by the endorsement on the Writ it appeared that David Oliver Watkins had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. DEATH OF MEMBER AND ISSUE OF AND RETURN TO WRIT (FAWKNER DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 25th June last, of the honorable Member for Fawkner (Mr. George Arnot Maxwell, K.C.), and informed the House that he had, on the 24th July last, issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Fawkner in the State of Victoria, in the place of the deceased gentleman, and that he had received a Return to such Writ, and by the endorsement thereon it appeared that Harold Edward Holt had been elected in pursuance of such Writ.
4. MEMBERS SWORN.—David Oliver Watkins, Esquire, and Harold Edward Holt, Esquire, were introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
5. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.—TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ACCESSION TO THE THRONE—REPLY TO JOINT ADDRESS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Government House,
Canberra,
16th August, 1935.

The Governor-General transmits herewith to the Speaker of the House of Representatives copy of His Majesty the King's Reply to the Address from the Members of the Senate and the Members of the House of Representatives on the occasion of Their Majesties' Silver Jubilee, and which was handed to His Majesty by the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth at St. James's Palace on the 8th May, 1935.

The Governor-General would be pleased if Mr. Speaker would take the earliest opportunity of reading His Majesty's Address to the Members of the House of Representatives.

The Governor-General desires to inform Mr. Speaker that he has forwarded the original of His Majesty's Reply with a similar request to the President of the Senate.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

The Speaker of
The House of Representatives,
Parliament House,
Canberra.

Mr. Speaker then read the King's Reply to the Address, as follows:—

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF AUSTRALIA.

I thank you from my heart for your Address of loyalty and affection, which I received from the hands of my Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia at St. James's Palace on the 8th May. The Queen and I were deeply touched by the warmth and sincerity of the congratulations addressed to us by Mr. Lyons and by the other representatives of my Dominions overseas, who had assembled to greet us on that memorable occasion.

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By a happy coincidence the following day was the anniversary of the day when, thirty-four years ago, I stood amongst you as the bearer of a Commission from my father, King Edward, to open the first Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia: the Queen and I have never forgotten our visit to Australia and the warm-hearted welcome which we received. Speaking on that occasion in my father's name I referred to the loyalty and devotion to the Throne and Empire of which the people of Australia had already given such signal proofs. Those words were true then: they stand reinforced to-day.

The intervening years have brought with them grievous blows of war and economic depression. In this time of celebration let us remember to pay our tribute of sympathy to those who have suffered and are suffering. I trust that reviving prosperity, aided by a spirit of mutual comradeship, may soon bring encouragement and help to those who are at present the victims of unemployment.

In your Address you have referred to the marvellous inventions which have done so much to improve communications. I was, as ever, filled with wonder when, on May 6th, I listened to the broadcast messages spoken from Canberra and from other distant parts of my Dominions. I rejoiced to think that my words on that day of my Silver Jubilee could be heard by my peoples throughout the Empire. I trust that these instruments which science has placed in our hands may be wisely used, may maintain and strengthen the bonds of fellowship, and may advance the good of all.

The constitutional developments of recent years have brought into being a new conception of the British Empire as a union of free and equal peoples. I am confident that in concert with the other partners in the British Empire Australia will play its part in the world in maintaining the ideals of peace and of liberty.

I have been touched by your references to the visits which my sons have paid to Australia. The accounts which I have received from them of their visits, so crowded with incident and interest, have made me realize that my people of Australia, though far away in distance, are near in spirit.

I join with you in the prayer that, under Divine Providence, my people of Australia may ever advance on the path of prosperity and peace.

GEORGE R.I.

12th May, 1935.

6. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR NEIL ELLIOTT LEWIS, K.C.M.G.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Sir Neil Elliott Lewis, K.C.M.G., who was a Member of the first Commonwealth Ministry, places on record its high appreciation of his particularly meritorious public services during a long and notable career, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Forde (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Beasley having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
7. DEATH OF MEMBER (MR. G. A. MAXWELL, K.C.).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. George Arnot Maxwell, K.C., Member for the Division of Fawkner for a period of eighteen years, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public services, and tenders to his widow and family its profound sympathy in their bereavement.
And Mr. Forde (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
8. DEATH OF SENATOR L. T. COURTENAY.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator Lionel Thomas Courtenay of New South Wales, and tenders to his widow and family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.
And Mr. Forde (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Beasley having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
9. DEATH OF MR. J. LIVINGSTON.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. John Livingston, a former Member for the Division of Barker, records its appreciation of his public services, and tenders to his widow and family its heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.
And Mr. Forde (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Beasley having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
10. DEATH OF MR. J. B. SHARPE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. James Benjamin Sharpe, a former Member for the Division of Oxley, and tenders to his daughter its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.
And Mr. Forde (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Beasley having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
11. DEATH OF MR. J. COON.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of Mr. Jabez Coon, a former Member for the Division of Batman, and tenders to his widow and daughter its deep sympathy in their bereavement.
And Mr. Forde (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Beasley having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.

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12. TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RELATIVES OF DECEASED.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit the foregoing Resolutions respectively to the several persons specified therein, together with a copy of the speeches delivered in connexion with them.

Question—put and passed.

13. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the sitting was thereupon suspended until five o'clock p.m.

14. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

15. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 29.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Sales Tax Procedure Act 1935*" 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.

Government House,
Canberra, 11th April, 1935.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 30.

Proposed Laws intituled—

- " *Immigration Act 1935* "
- " *Norfolk Island Act 1935* "
- " *Wheat Commission Act 1935* "
- " *Patents Act 1935* "
- " *Copyright Act 1935* "
- " *Carriage by Air Act 1935* "

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, 12th April, 1935.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 31.

Proposed Laws intituled—

- " *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1935* "
- " *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Act 1935* "
- " *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Act 1935* "
- " *Dairy Produce Act 1935* "
- " *Loan (Farmers' Debt Adjustment) Act 1935* "
- " *Spirits Act 1935* "
- " *Port Augusta to Red Hill Railway Act 1935* "
- " *Soldier Settlement Loans (Financial Agreement) Act 1935* "
- " *Seat of Government Supreme Court Act 1935* "

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, 13th April, 1935.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

Proposed Laws intituled—

- " *Supply (No. 1) Act 1935-36* "
- " *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1933-34* "

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, 13th April, 1935.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RESERVATION OF BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

A Bill intituled "*Navigation Act 1935*" 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 reserved the said Bill for His Majesty's pleasure.

Canberra, 13th April, 1935.

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17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO RESERVED BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 34.

The Governor-General informs the House of Representatives that the proposed law intituled "An Act to amend sections seven and two hundred and thirty-one of the Navigation Act 1912-1934," which was reserved for His Majesty's pleasure, has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has, by an Order in Council dated the Sixth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, been pleased to confirm, approve and declare his assent to the said proposed law.

The Governor-General has caused the King's confirmation, approval and assent to be proclaimed in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 37, dated 11th July, 1935, a copy of which proclamation is attached hereto.

Canberra,
13th July, 1935.

PROCLAMATION.

Commonwealth of Australia to wit. By His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.
ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

WHEREAS a proposed law entitled "An Act to amend sections seven and two hundred and thirty-one of the *Navigation Act 1912-1934*" has been passed by both Houses of the Parliament of the Commonwealth :

AND WHEREAS upon the said proposed law being on the thirteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, presented to me for the Royal Assent, I declared that I reserved the said proposed law for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure :

AND WHEREAS the signification of His Majesty's pleasure has been communicated to me :

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby proclaim and make known that the said proposed law has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that by an Order in Council made at the Court at Buckingham Palace, and bearing date the sixth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, His Majesty has been pleased to confirm, approve, and declare his assent to the proposed law.

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth, this tenth day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and in the twenty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
THOS. C. BRENNAN,
for Minister of State for Commerce.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

18. THE LATE MR. J. MATHEWS, THE LATE MR. MALCOLM CAMERON AND THE LATE HONORABLE A. POYNTON.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received letters from Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Poynton thanking the House for its Resolutions of sympathy.
19. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that His Majesty the King had been pleased to appoint Brigadier-General the Honorable Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., to succeed the Right Honorable Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, G.C.M.G., as Governor-General.
20. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the following re-arrangement of duties of certain Ministers :—
- Mr. Thorby, Minister in charge of War Service Homes, to assist the Minister for Commerce ;
 - Mr. Hunter, Minister without portfolio, to assist the Minister for Repatriation and the Minister for the Interior ;
 - Mr. Menzies, Attorney-General, to represent the Minister for External Affairs in the House ;
 - Mr. Parkhill, Minister for Defence, to represent the Postmaster-General in the House.
- Mr. Lyons also informed the House of the intention of the Government to introduce legislation to provide for the appointment of an additional Minister of State, and that when such proposed legislation had become law, the name of Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) would be submitted to the Governor-General with a view to his appointment as Treasurer.
21. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—JAPANESE GOODWILL MISSION.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the visit to Australia of His Excellency Mr. Katsuji Debuchi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of His Imperial Japanese Majesty.

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22. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ITALO-ABYSSINIAN DISPUTE—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the Italo-Abyssinian Dispute, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper—

Italo-Abyssinian Dispute—Ministerial Statement :

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That all the words after " That " be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—" this Parliament records grave concern and its profound horror at the prospect of a second world war developing out of the conflict of Imperial trading interests, and expresses its unflinching determination not to allow Australia to become involved, under any circumstances, notwithstanding any decision recorded at the League of Nations Council.

It views with alarm the action of the British Admiralty in despatching H.M.A.S. *Australia*, with an Australian crew, to the war zone, and requests the immediate recall of that vessel to Australian waters under the direct control of the Federal Defence Department.

It formally declares the neutrality of Australia, and instructs the Government to take all necessary steps to preserve such neutrality.

It declares that it will not support the application of sanctions under Article 16 or contribute a quota of military, naval and air force strength to an armed force for such purposes, as such action would involve Australia in war."

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

23. WANT OF CONFIDENCE—NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Forde (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) gave notice of a motion of Want of Confidence which he proposed to move to-morrow.

24. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, as at 30th June, 1935 ; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Nauru—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru for year 1934.

New Guinea—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea for year 1933-34.

Western Australia—Report by the Joint Committee of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, appointed to consider the Petition of the State of Western Australia.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c., 1935—

No. 5—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 6—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 7—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 8—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

Nos. 9 and 10—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

No. 11—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

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- No. 12—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 No. 13—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
 No. 14—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 15—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and Others.
- Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1934–35.
- Bankruptcy Act—Rules Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 34.
- Contract Immigrants Act—Return for year 1934.
- Cotton Industries Bounty Act and Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year 1934–35.
- Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 41, 69.
- Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 37, 43, 49, 50, 60, 83.
- Designs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 73.
- Flax and Linseed Bounties Act—Return for year 1934–35.
- Immigration Act—Return for year 1934.
- Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 57.
- Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Dated—
 17th May, 1935.
 19th July, 1935.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at or in—
 Booroomba Parish, Federal Capital Territory—In connexion with establishment of Sea of Government.
 Bullsbrook, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Burra Parish (2), Territory for Seat of Government—In connexion with establishment of Seat of Government.
 Cumnock, New South Wales—For postal, telegraphic, telephonic and other like services.
 Dooen, Victoria—For postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services.
 Frenchville, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
 Maylands, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Nedlands, Western Australia—For postal, telegraphic, telephonic and other like services.
 Werribee, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
 Woodside, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
- Maternity Allowance Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 38, 40, 56.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twelfth Annual Report, for year 1934–35.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 35, 36, 42, 55, 59, 74, 86, 87.
- Navigation Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 39, 61, 62, 64, 66, 75, 76, 81.
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1935—
 No. 2—Gold Buyers.
 No. 3—Mining.
 No. 4—Crown Lands.
 No. 5—Licensing.
 No. 6—Police and Police Offences.
 No. 7—Mining (No. 2).
 No. 8—Foreign Companies.
 No. 9—Prisons.
 No. 10—Hire-purchase Agreements.
 Regulations Amended, &c., under—
 Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance.
 Pearling Ordinance (2).
- Papua Act—Infirm and Destitute Natives' Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees for year 1934–35.
- Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for year 1934–35.
- Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 45, 67, 90.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 53, 70, 77, 80.
- Public Service Act—
 Appointments—
 T. J. Brown, Attorney-General's Department.
 J. J. Clark, F. McCardell, Department of the Interior.
 A. J. Edwards, Department of Commerce.
 J. Ginges, Department of Trade and Customs.
 G. M. Redshaw, Department of Health.
 A. Smithies, Department of the Treasury.
- Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 44, 54, 72, 78.
- Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 71.
- Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 68, 69.
- Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 51.
- Sales Tax Procedure Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 52.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1935—
 No. 5—Electrical Interference.
 No. 6—Lotteries and Art Unions.
 No. 7—Fish Protection.

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- No. 8—Hawkers.
 No. 9—Business Names.
 No. 10—Liquor.
 No. 11—Liquor (No. 2).
 No. 12—Canberra Community Hospital Board.
 No. 13—Hospital Tax.

Regulations Amended, &c., under—

- Advisory Council Ordinance.
 Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance.
 Fish Protection Ordinance.
 Public Health Ordinance (Dairy).
 Workmen's Compensation Ordinance.

Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 68.

Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1934–35.

Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 46, 79.

War Service Homes Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 58, 82.

Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for year 1934–35.

25. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1935–36.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 20th September, 1935.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 36.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 20th September, 1935.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

26. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division 1.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£7,379
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be agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

27. PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1935–36—Papers presented by the Honorable R. G. Casey, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1935–36.

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

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28. WAYS AND MEANS [EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 3)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1933 as proposed to be amended by the Excise Tariff Proposals be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-fourth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1933 as so amended.

That in this Resolution "Excise Tariff Proposals" means the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

6th December, 1934; and
28th March, 1935.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
6. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:— " (6) Tobacco:— (A) *Tobacco, hand-made strand:— (1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown - - - - - per lb.	3s. 7d.
(2) Otherwise - - - - - per lb.	4s. 3d.
* HAND-MADE TOBACCO.—"Hand-made Tobacco" shall mean tobacco in the manufacture of which all operations are entirely carried on by hand without the aid of machine tools or machinery other than that used in the pressing of the tobacco.	
(B) Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i.:— (1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown - - - - - per lb.	3s. 10d.
(2) Otherwise - - - - - per lb.	4s. 6d.
(C) Tobacco, fine cut suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes:— (1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown - - - - - per lb.	6s. 7d.
(2) Otherwise - - - - - per lb.	7s. 3d.
(D) Tobacco, in the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown, for consumption by Australian aborigines, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - per lb.	3s. 2d."
8. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:— " 8. Cigarettes, including the weight of the outer portion of each cigarette:— (A) †Hand-made - - - - - per lb.	6s. 9d.
† HAND-MADE CIGARETTES.—"Hand-made" shall mean that the whole of the operations connected with the filling and completion of cigarettes shall be performed exclusively by hand.	
(B) N.E.I. - - - - - per lb.	7s."

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

29. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Frost, Mr. Gregory, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Scullin and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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