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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 50.

FRIDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1935.

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—  
Audit Act—Regulations amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 97.  
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 93, 95.

3. ITALO-ABYSSINIAN DISPUTE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 23rd September last*], viz. :—

Italo-Abyssinian Dispute—Ministerial Statement—

be printed *and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Beasley, viz. :—*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."

Debate resumed.

Mr. Lane addressing the House—

*Closure of Member moved.*—Mr. Ward moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

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

Noes, 33.

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

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Mr. McCall moved, That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Question—put.

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

| Ayes, 29.           |                     | Noes, 20.        |                   |
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| Mr. A. G. Cameron   | Mr. Nairn           | Mr. Baker        | Mr. G. W. Mahoney |
| Sir Donald Cameron  | Mr. Nock            | Mr. Beasley      | Mr. W. Maloney    |
| Mr. Casey           | Mr. Parkhill        | Mr. Clark        | Mr. Martens       |
| Mr. Thomas Collins  | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. Curtin       | Mr. Riordan       |
| Mr. Bernard Corser  | Mr. Price           | Mr. Drakeford    | Mr. Rosevear      |
| Mr. J. V. Fairbairn | Mr. Prowse          | Mr. Forde        | Mr. Ward          |
| Mr. Fiskin          | Mr. Scholfield      | Mr. Garden       | Mr. D. O. Watkins |
| Mr. E. J. Harrison  | Mr. Stacey          | Mr. Albert Green | <i>Tellers:</i>   |
| Mr. Holt            | Mr. Street          | Mr. Hawker       | Mr. Gander        |
| Mr. Hughes          | Mr. Thorby          | Mr. Holloway     | Mr. George Lawson |
| Mr. Hunter          | Mr. White           | Mr. James        |                   |
| Mr. Jennings        |                     |                  |                   |
| Mr. Lane            | <i>Tellers:</i>     |                  |                   |
| Sir Charles Marr    | Mr. Gardner         |                  |                   |
| Mr. McCall          | Mr. Thompson        |                  |                   |
| Mr. McEwen          |                     |                  |                   |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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, 27.          |                     | Noes, 21.         |                   |
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| Mr. Aubrey Abbott  | Mr. McEwen          | Mr. Baker         | Mr. Martens       |
| Mr. A. G. Cameron  | Mr. Nock            | Mr. Barnard       | Mr. Mulcahy       |
| Sir Donald Cameron | Mr. Parkhill        | Mr. Beasley       | Mr. Riordan       |
| Mr. Casey          | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. Brennan       | Mr. Rosevear      |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Price           | Mr. Clark         | Mr. Scullin       |
| Mr. Fiskin         | Mr. Prowse          | Mr. Curtin        | Mr. Ward          |
| Mr. Roland Green   | Mr. Scholfield      | Mr. Drakeford     | Mr. D. O. Watkins |
| Mr. E. J. Harrison | Mr. Stacey          | Mr. Garden        | <i>Tellers:</i>   |
| Mr. Hawker         | Mr. Thorby          | Mr. Holloway      | Mr. Gander        |
| Mr. Holt           | Mr. White           | Mr. James         | Mr. George Lawson |
| Mr. Hughes         |                     | Mr. G. W. Mahoney |                   |
| Mr. Hunter         | <i>Tellers:</i>     | Mr. W. Maloney    |                   |
| Mr. Jennings       | Mr. Nairn           |                   |                   |
| Mr. Lane           | Mr. Thompson        |                   |                   |
| Mr. McCall         |                     |                   |                   |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put.

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

| Ayes, 27.          |                     | Noes, 21.         |                   |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mr. Aubrey Abbott  | Mr. McEwen          | Mr. Baker         | Mr. Martens       |
| Mr. A. G. Cameron  | Mr. Nock            | Mr. Barnard       | Mr. Mulcahy       |
| Sir Donald Cameron | Mr. Parkhill        | Mr. Beasley       | Mr. Riordan       |
| Mr. Casey          | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. Brennan       | Mr. Rosevear      |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Price           | Mr. Clark         | Mr. Scullin       |
| Mr. Fiskin         | Mr. Prowse          | Mr. Curtin        | Mr. Ward          |
| Mr. Roland Green   | Mr. Scholfield      | Mr. Drakeford     | Mr. D. O. Watkins |
| Mr. E. J. Harrison | Mr. Stacey          | Mr. Garden        | <i>Tellers:</i>   |
| Mr. Hawker         | Mr. Thorby          | Mr. Holloway      | Mr. Gander        |
| Mr. Holt           | Mr. White           | Mr. James         | Mr. George Lawson |
| Mr. Hughes         |                     | Mr. G. W. Mahoney |                   |
| Mr. Hunter         | <i>Tellers:</i>     | Mr. W. Maloney    |                   |
| Mr. Jennings       | Mr. Nairn           |                   |                   |
| Mr. Lane           | Mr. Thompson        |                   |                   |
| Mr. McCall         |                     |                   |                   |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN APPROPRIATION BILL (1935).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to authorize the Expending of a certain Sum of Money", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th October, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

11th October, 1935.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1935).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 45.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia.

Canberra,  
2nd October, 1935.

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. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Casey 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 a later hour this day.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1935).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 46.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Canberra,  
2nd October, 1935.

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. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Casey 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 a later hour this day.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1935).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 47.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia.

Canberra,  
2nd October, 1935.

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. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Casey 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. Casey 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Blain, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Perkins, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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