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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 53.

FRIDAY, 18TH 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. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for year 1934-35.
4. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), discharged :—
States' Grants Bill (1935)—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES' GRANTS BILL (1935) [No. 2].—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

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 sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

Canberra,
17th 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 sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

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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. Thomas Paterson 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.
 Debate ensued.
 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and 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, and the Bill was read a third time.
6. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1933-34.—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.)

Bill further debated, and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

- The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 251) the Bill was read a third time.
7. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (*see* page 265), 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, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Curtin, That the first item be reduced by £1.
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

- The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
 Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ITALO-ABYSSINIAN DISPUTE.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the relationship between the League of Nations and its Member States in imposing Sanctions under Article 16 of the Covenant of the League of Nations. Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Beasley, by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
9. SALES TAX (FINANCIAL RELIEF) BILL.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 3rd instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Exemptions from Sales Tax*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Casey moved, by leave, 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.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PRIMARY PRODUCERS RELIEF BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
 Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

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 provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Primary Producers, and for other purposes.

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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. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Primary Producers, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Hunter do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page 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.

11. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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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.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Frost*, Mr. Gregory*, Sir Henry Gullett*, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson*, Mr. John Lawson*, Mr. Lyons, Mr. G. W. Mahoney, Mr. Makin*, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Perkins*, Mr. Scholfield and Sir Frederick Stewart*.

* On leave.

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