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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 67.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1935.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.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—  
Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 113, 115.
3. PRIVILEGE—ACTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate upon the following motion of Mr. Brennan:—That in the opinion of this House the Chairman of Committees (Mr. J. H. Prowse), on the 14th instant, offended against the privileges of the Parliament by reflecting from his place as Chairman of Committees on the conduct in Parliament of an honorable Member, in terms which were not in accordance with the facts nor on other grounds justifiable.—  
Debate resumed.  
*Closure*.—Mr. Thompson moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.

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

Noes, 25.

Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
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
Mr. Lazzarini	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Barnard	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Garden		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Albert Green		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
		Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hunter	
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

4. POINT OF ORDER.—Mr. Baker raised a Point of Order in regard to a decision by the Chairman of Committees that a quorum was present in a Committee of the whole House during a certain period on the 15th instant.
- Mr. Speaker pointed out that, under Standing Order No. 228, any objection to a ruling or decision of the Chairman of Committees must be taken at the time such ruling or decision is given.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR SERVICE HOMES 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. 59.*

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 amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1934*.

Canberra, 31st 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. Thorby (Minister in charge of War Service Homes) moved. That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1934*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thorby, by leave, was adopted by the House.

6. WAR SERVICE HOMES 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 2 debated—

Mr. Thorby (Minister in charge of War Service Homes) moved, as an amendment, That the word "seven" (page 1, line 11) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "five" in place thereof. Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1935).—Mr. Lyons (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to leave given on the 15th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1934'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
- Mr. Lyons 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.

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8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1935-36.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £731,500"—further considered.

*Point of Order.*—Mr. Baker raised a Point of Order in regard to a decision by the Chairman that a quorum was present in a Committee of the whole House during a certain period on the 15th instant.

The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) pointed out that under Standing Order No. 228, any objection to a ruling or decision of the Chairman of Committees must be taken at the time such ruling or decision is given.

Debate on Vote resumed.

Mr. James addressing the Committee 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.

*Member named and suspended.*—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) named the honorable Member for Hunter (Mr. James) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the honorable Member for Hunter be suspended from the service of the Committee.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lyons	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 18.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstance to the House.

Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Hunter (Mr. James) be suspended from the service of the House.

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

Ayes, 35.

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

Noes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	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.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £731,500"—further debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Clark addressing the Committee—

*Closure.*—Mr. Thorby (Minister in charge of War Service Homes) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 18.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Clark	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Curtin	
Mr. Drakeford	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Forde	Mr. Gander
Mr. Garden	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Lazzarini	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Vote be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department, £181,370"—debated.

*Closure.*—Mr. Thorby 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, 30.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson
Mr. McBride	
Mr. McClelland	

Noes, 19.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Vote be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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.

9. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past eleven o'clock a.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gander addressing the House—

*Closure*.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 19.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lane	
Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Thompson

*Tellers:*

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Ward
Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson

*Tellers:*

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Frost, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. White.

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