THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

No. 117.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1936.

- 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 Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Australian Trade Delegation to India, Burma and Ceylon—Report.

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

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Science and Industry Research Act—Tenth Annual Report of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, for year 1935-36.

Ordered to be printed.

- 3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT-MISSING MONOSPAR CROYDON AIRCRAFT.-Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action taken to locate the missing Monospar Croydon Aircraft.

4. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 137, 138.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act — Ordinance of 1936-No. 41-Timber Protection.

5. Message from the Senate.—Prune Bounty Bill (No. 2) (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate: -

Mr. Speaker.

Message No. 142.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Prune Bounty Act 1936'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th October, 1936.

President.

6. South Australia Grant Bill. (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time-Debate resumed.

Mr. Price 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 a later hour this day.

7. Message from the Senate.—Orange Bounty Bill (No. 2) (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:-

P. J. LYNCH,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Oranges from the Commonwealth during the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate, Canberra, 8th October, 1936.

President.

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8. Message from the Governor-General.—Special Annuity Bill (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker: GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 114.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 56 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 the payment of an Annuity to the Widow of the late William James McWilliams, Esquire.

Canberra.

22nd September, 1936.

Ordered-That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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.)

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 provide for the payment of an Annuity to the Widow of the late William James McWilliams, Esquire.

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 Sir Archdale 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.

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.

9. Suspension of Standing Order No. 70.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
- 11. Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading-Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Forde 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.

12. South Australia Grant Bill (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time-Debate resumed.

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 (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 651) the Bill was read a third time.

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13. Western Australia Grant Bill (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time-

Debate resumed by Mr. Gregory, who 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: -- "the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that owing to the special circumstances of the State of Western Australia the special grant be the sum of £800,000 ".

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1936.

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, 24. | |
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| Mr. Aubrey Abbott | Mr. Menzies | Mr. Baker | Mr. James |
| Sir Donald Cameron | Mr. Nock | Mr. Barnard | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Casey | Sir Archdale Parkhill | Mr. Beasley | Mr. G. W. Mahoney |
| Mr. Thomas Collins | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. Brennan | Mr. Martens |
| | Mr. Perkins | Mr. Clark | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. J. V. Fairbairn | Mr. Stacey | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Roland Green | Sir Frederick Stewart | Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Price |
| Sir Littleton Groom | Mr. Street | Mr. Forde | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. E. J. Harrison | Mr. Thorby | Mr. Frost | Mr. D. O. Watkins |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. White | Mr. Garden | |
| Mr. Hutchinson | | Mr. Albert Green | Tellers: |
| Mr. Jennings | Tellers: | Mr. Gregory | Mr. Gander |
| Mr. John Lawson | 1 6116/3. | Mr. Holloway | Mr. George Lawson |
| Mr. Lyons | Mr. Gardner | , | |
| Mr. McCall | Mr. Thompson | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question-That the Bill be now read a second time-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 (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 652) the Bill was read a third time.

14. TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—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 (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 652) the Bill was read a third time.

15. Adjournment.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at halfpast ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hunter, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Rosevear, and Mr. Ward.

· On leave.

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