THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

No. 118.

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1936.

- 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT-CANCER TREATMENT.-Mr. Hughes (Minister for Health), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the treatment of Cancer.
- 3. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE .- Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate: --

[Special Annuity Bill (1936)]-

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 144.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the payment of an Annuity to the Widow of the late William James McWilliams, Esquire", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH, President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 9th October, 1936.

[Apple and Pear Bounty Bill (No. 2) (1936)]-

Message No. 145.

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

P. J. LYNCH, President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 9th October, 1936.

- 4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute-Lands Acquisition Act-Land acquired at South Perth, Western Australia-For Postal purposes.
- 5. Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation 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 656) the Bill was read a third time.
- 6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
- 7. STATES' GRANTS 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. F.4800/34.

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8. Supply [Budget Debate].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—
The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances .. £7,900

be agreed to.

Chairman's Ruling.—A Point of Order having been raised by Mr. Forde that certain words used by the Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties were offensive to him and should be withdrawn, the Chairman ruled that as the words complained of contained no unparliamentary expression he would not ask the Minister to withdraw them.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Forde having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Baker Mr. James Mr. Barnard Mr. Lazzarini Mr. Beasley Mr. G. W. Mahoney Mr. Blackburn Mr. Brennan Mr. W. Maloney Mr. Martens Mr. Mulcahy Mr. Clark Mr. Curtin Mr. Scullin Mr. Drakeford Mr. Forde Mr. D. O. Watkins Mr. Frost Tellers: Mr. Garden

Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

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Mr. Aubrey Abbott Mr. A. G. Cameron Mr. Lyons Mr. McCall Sir Donald Cameron Mr. Menzies Mr. Casey Mr. Thomas Collins Mr. Nairn Mr. Nock Mr. Bernard Corser Sir Archdale Parkhill Mr. Roland Green Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Perkins Mr. Price Mr. Gregory Sir Littleton Groom Sir Henry Gullett Mr. Stacey Mr. E. J. Harrison Sir Frederick Stewart

Mr. Holt
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Jennings
Mr. Lane
Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Thorby
Mr. White

Tellers:
Mr. Gardner
Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived. Debate continued.

Chairman's Ruling.—A Point of Order having been raised by Mr. Forde that certain words used by the Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties were offensive to him and should be withdrawn, the Chairman ruled that as the words complained of contained no unparliamentary expression he would not ask the Minister to withdraw them.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Forde having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that the Motion of Dissent was out of order, as a Motion of Dissent from a similar Ruling had just been voted upon by the Committee.

Debate continued.

Sir Henry Gullett addressing the Committee and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 2578—

Ordered-That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

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. Adjournment.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past three 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—Mr. Fisken, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Makin, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

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