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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 133.

THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1936.

- 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.
- PAPER. - The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
New Guinea -Location of boundary between Dutch New Guinea and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea -Notes exchanged between the Netherlands and Commonwealth Governments.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
- ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION. -Mr. Garden rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The exclusion from Australia of Mrs. Freer."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly.
Mr. Garden moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question -put and negatived.
- CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (AVIATION) BILL.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution with respect to Air Navigation and Aircraft.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That after the word "Aircraft" the words "Trade and Commerce, Industrial Matters, Broadcasting and Television" be added.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day were called on.
Ordered -That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the resumption of the debate just interrupted.
Debate resumed.
Question -That the words proposed to be added be so added--put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Makin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Martens
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Garden	Mr. Ward
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lane	Mr. George Lawson

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Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived..

Question--That the motion be agreed to--put and passed.

Mr. Menzies 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 the next sitting.

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5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Northern Territory, £244,730"—

Vote—"Federal Capital Territory, £294,470"—

Vote—"Papua, £64,308"—

Vote—"Norfolk Island, £4,000"—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Rosevear 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.

Mr. Blain 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.

Votes agreed to.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the following resolution be reported to the House :—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1936-37, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £25,957,913.

Part 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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The Parliament	123,520
The Prime Minister's Department	403,150
The Department of External Affairs	12,670
The Department of the Treasury	778,580
The Attorney-General's Department	194,720
The Department of the Interior	431,710
The Department of Defence	5,713,290
The Department of Trade and Customs	596,520
The Department of Health	125,450
The Department of Commerce	428,210
Miscellaneous Services	1,149,430
Refunds of Revenue	1,350,000
Advance to the Treasurer	2,000,000
War Services Payable out of Revenue	1,171,940
Total Part 1	14,479,190

Part 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	549,900
Postmaster-General's Department	10,321,315
Total Part 2	10,871,215

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	244,730
Federal Capital Territory	294,470
Papua	64,308
Norfolk Island	4,000
Total Part 3	607,508
Total	25,957,913

Question put and passed.

Leave to be 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.

6. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
7. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES, 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1936-37.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1936-37, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £14,316,363.

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Question put and passed.
Resolution 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.
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.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL 1936 37. —Mr. Casey (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, 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. 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 five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except— Mr. Barnard, Mr. Beasley, Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. D. O. Watkins, and Mr. White.

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