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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 137.

THURSDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1936.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER. The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Northern Australia Survey Act—Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia—Report of Committee for period ended 30th June, 1936.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CORONATION COMMISSION.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the personnel and work of the Coronation Commission.
4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
5. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS—TWENTIETH SESSION—REPORTS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper:—  
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Twentieth Session, held at Geneva, June, 1936—Reports of the Australian Delegates, together with Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted—  
and moved, That the Reports be printed.  
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—“and that the Government shall proceed to give effect to the Convention providing for forty hours as the maximum working week”.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. John Lawson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair) —

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin
Sir Donald Cameron	Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McCall	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Fiske	Sir Archdale Parkhill	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Garden	Mr. Ward
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfeld	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	Mr. Barnard
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Hunter			
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Nairn		
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. John Lawson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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## 6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

## New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1936.

- No. 32—Motor Traffic (No. 2).
- No. 33—Liquor (No. 2).
- No. 34—Superannuation (No. 2).
- No. 35—Laws Repeal and Adopting (No. 2).
- No. 36—Appropriation 1936-1937.
- No. 37—Licences.
- No. 38—Natives' Contracts Protection.
- No. 39—Gaming.
- No. 40—Roads Maintenance.
- No. 41—Supreme Court Assessors.
- No. 42—Public Health.
- No. 43—Customs Tariff (No. 2).
- No. 44—Native Labour (No. 2).
- No. 45—Shipping (No. 2).
- No. 46—Forestry.
- No. 47—Land.
- No. 48—Mining (No. 2).

7. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1936).—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* relating to the special property tax, to amend the provisions of that Act relating to leases of land, and to amend sections twenty-three, thirty-six, thirty-seven, seventy-two, seventy-eight, one hundred and fifty-nine, one hundred and seventy and two hundred and eighteen of that Act.

Question—put and passed.

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, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

8. COINAGE BILL (1936).—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Coinage Act 1909*.

Question—put and passed.

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, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

## 9. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed: Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

## 10. 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.

## 11. COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL [No. 2] (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) 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.

## 12. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION 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.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

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Clause 11 debated and agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes (Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (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. 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.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE. Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill (1936)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 150.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
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BURFORD SAMPSON,  
Deputy-President.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Bill (1936)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 151.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 19th November, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,  
Deputy-President.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Bill (1936)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 152.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 19th November, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,  
Deputy-President.

15. SALES TAX AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given yesterday, brought up a Bill intitled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to the Imposition, Assessment, Collection, and Recovery of a Tax upon the sale value of goods*", 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.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 120.

Proposed Laws intitled:

"*Customs Tariff Validation Act 1936*"

"*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Act 1936*"

"*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Act 1936*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

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17. COINAGE 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. 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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18. 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 fifteen minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Frost, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hawker, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McBride, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. D. O. Watkins, and Mr. White.

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E. W. PARKES,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*