

1937.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1937.

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—INFANTILE PARALYSIS.—Mr. Hughes (Minister for Health), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the action taken by the Department of Health to combat Infantile Paralysis.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—AERO CLUBS.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the assistance given to Aero Clubs by the Commonwealth Government.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Jennings brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).  
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and certain other Papers\*, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the prorogation of the Parliament in May last, recommend that the following be printed :—

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1936-37, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

\*Employment—Report on Investigations abroad by Sir Frederick Stewart, M.P.

\*Social Insurance—Report on Investigations abroad by Sir Frederick Stewart, M.P.

\*International Labor Organization of the League of Nations—Twentieth Conference—Reports of the Australian Delegates.

\*League of Nations—Fifteenth Assembly—Report of Australian Delegation.

\*Mineral Oils and Petrol and other Products of Mineral Oils—Reports (Majority and Minority) of the Royal Commission.

Munitions Supply Board—Report for period 1st July, 1933, to 30th June, 1935.

War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1936-37.

P. A. M. McBRIDE,  
Deputy-Chairman.

Senate Committee Room,  
9th September, 1937.

Mr. Jennings moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, at 30th June, 1937; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Nauru—Ordinances of 1937—

No. 4—Customs Tariff (No. 2).

No. 6—Appropriation 1937.

No. 7—Nauruan Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation 1937.

No. 8—Appropriation (Supplemental) 1936.

No. 9—Nauruan Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation (Supplemental) 1936.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Eleventh Annual Report of the Canned Fruits Control Board, for year 1936-37, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
- Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Twelfth Annual Report of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1936-37, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
- Meat Export Control Act—Second Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1936-37, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
- Severally ordered to be printed.
- Northern Territory Representation Act and Electoral Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 94.
- Public Service Act—Appointment of F. H. Boileau, Department of the Attorney-General.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Federal Capital Territory for year 1936-37.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1937-38.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 9th September, 1937.

BURFORD SAMPSON,  
Deputy-President.

7. SUPERANNUATION BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Beasley 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.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 5 be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. REPATRIATION FUND (BAILLIEU GIFT) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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. Menzies, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. NATIONAL OIL PROPRIETARY LIMITED AGREEMENT BILL.—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. John Lawson addressing the House 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. A. G. Cameron 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.
11. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
*Point of Order.*—A Point of Order having been raised by Mr. Lyons that certain words used by the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) were untrue and offensive and should be withdrawn—  
*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that a statement was not unparliamentary because it was incorrect, and, as the words used contained no unparliamentary expression, he could not therefore ask for them to be withdrawn.

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*Dissent from Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Lyons, having objected to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be disagreed with.

Question—That the Ruling be disagreed with—put.

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

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 22.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nock	Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Archdale Parkhill	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Price	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White	Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Jennings		Mr. James	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. McEwen			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker thereupon called on the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) to withdraw the words to which objection had been taken.

*Member named and suspended.*—Mr. Ward having refused to withdraw the words complained of, Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member.

Mr. Lyons moved, That the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 23.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Nock	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Casey	Sir Archdale Parkhill	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Jennings		Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. James	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. McEwen			
Mr. Menzies			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for a week, this being his second occasion of suspension, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

*Point of Order.*—A Point of Order having been taken that the debate on the motion to dissent from the Ruling of the Speaker should have been adjourned to the next sitting day—

*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that, in the special circumstances surrounding the incident, the matter required immediate determination.

*Point of Order.*—A Point of Order having been raised by Mr. Lyons that certain words used by the honorable Member for Darling (Mr. Clark) were offensive and should be withdrawn—

*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that the words complained of were not unparliamentary.

Debate continued.

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member moved.*—Mr. Baker moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. James	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin	Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frost		Mr. Holt	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lyons	
		Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Menzies	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Thomas Paterson addressing the House—

*Closure moved.*—Mr. James 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, 22.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. James	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin	Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
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Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lyons	
		Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Menzies	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. William Riordan, Mr. Scully, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

F. C. GREEN,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.