

1937.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

FRIDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 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. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the number of Members appointed to serve on the Standing Orders Committee be increased to nine, and that Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Makin, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Nairn and Mr. Page be Members of that Committee : three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Holt, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Riordan be Members of the Library Committee ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
4. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Badman, Mr. Baker, Mr. Clark, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. James be Members of the House Committee ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Gander, Mr. Jennings, Mr. McCall, Mr. Stacey and Mr. Watkins be Members of the Printing Committee ; three to form a quorum, with power to confer with a similar Committee of the Senate.
Question—put and passed.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.—Mr. Hughes (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing recent important developments in the International Situation.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1937—
No. 17—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia ; and Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
No. 18—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
Bullsbrook, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
Dalby, Queensland—For Postal, telegraphic, telephonic and other like services.
Tintinara, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1937.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend sections twenty-two and thirty-nine of the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1937'* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1937.

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Mr. Thompson (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

9. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1937-38.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" Commonwealth Railways, £662,440 "—debated and agreed to.

Vote—" Postmaster-General's Department, £11,062,450 "—debated and agreed to.

Vote—" Part 3.—Territories of the Commonwealth, £682,720 "—debated and agreed to.

Postponed Vote—" Remainder of Vote—The Parliament, £128,000 "—debated and 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 1937-38, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £27,514,910.

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

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| The Parliament | 128,000 |
| The Prime Minister's Department | 452,000 |
| The Department of External Affairs | 14,700 |
| The Department of the Treasury | 825,000 |
| The Attorney-General's Department | 202,500 |
| The Department of the Interior | 499,200 |
| The Department of Defence | 5,992,000 |
| The Department of Trade and Customs | 656,000 |
| The Department of Health | 127,600 |
| The Department of Commerce | 452,000 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 1,147,000 |
| Refunds of Revenue | 1,350,000 |
| Advance to the Treasurer | 2,000,000 |
| War Services payable out of Revenue | 1,261,300 |
| Total Part 1 | 15,107,300 |

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

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| Commonwealth Railways | 662,440 |
| Postmaster-General's Department | 11,062,450 |
| Total Part 2 | 11,724,890 |

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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| Northern Territory | 306,150 |
| Federal Capital Territory | 328,410 |
| Papua | 44,160 |
| Norfolk Island | 4,000 |
| Total Part 3 | 682,720 |
| Total | 27,514,910 |

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.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
11. 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.
12. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1937-38.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

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Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES 1937-38.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1937-38, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £13,415,020.

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 Mr. Perkins do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

13. APPROPRIATION BILL 1937-38.—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-eight 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.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to five 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. Beasley, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Francis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McCall, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Scully, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.