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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 5TH MAY, 1938.

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. 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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—
Power Alcohol Industry, possibility of expansion in Australia—Report, dated 21st July, 1937, by L. J. Rogers, Commonwealth Fuel Adviser.
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Methyl Ethyl Ketone.
Pencils of Wood.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Postmaster-General's Department—Twenty-seventh Report, for year 1936-37.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Meat Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 34, 36.
4. LOAN BILL 1938.—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.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Anthony	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Badman	Mr. McCall
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Price
Mr. Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rankin
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Nock

Noes, 26.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scully
Mr. Green	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahoney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. Maloney	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.

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Mr. Forde moved, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to be designated the Defence Finance Select Committee, of Members of this House for examination to ensure that waste, extravagance and profiteering are strictly guarded against, that the proposed expenditure is the minimum necessary in every particular, to recommend, if deemed desirable, alternative projects more efficiently to secure the defence of the Commonwealth, and to report to the House as early as a complete examination makes possible.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Gardner 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, 37.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
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Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahoney	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Maloney	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scully
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Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahoney	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Maloney	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 36.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rankin
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Lyons	
Sir Charles Marr	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Nock

And so it was negatived

Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the words "Ten million three hundred thousand" (lines 10-11) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "Seven million five hundred thousand" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Anthony	Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Badman	Mr. McCall	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
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Mr. Jolly		Mr. Maloney	
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Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

The Schedule—

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Makin rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee proceeded to divide, but there being no Member voting on the side of the Noes, the

Temporary Chairman (Mr. Nairn) declared the question to be resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Schedule be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 65), the Bill was read a third time.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—GENEVA CONVENTION BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to enable effect to be given to Article Twenty-eight of the International Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armies in the Field, signed at Geneva on the twenty-seventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and for purposes connected therewith*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Canberra, 5th May, 1938.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

Mr. Hughes (Minister for External Affairs) 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes past 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. Hunter, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page and Mr. White.

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