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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1938.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. BROADCASTING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Perkins (Minister representing the Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the use of the Empire Short Wave Broadcasting Service for broadcasting Test match descriptions.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—NEW GUINEA LOAN GUARANTEE BILL 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HUNTINGFIELD,  
*Administrator.*

*Message No. 18.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide a Guarantee by the Commonwealth in respect of a Loan to be raised by the Administrator of the Territory of New Guinea to meet the Cost of certain Road Construction.

Canberra, 25th June, 1938.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Hughes (Minister in charge of Territories) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide a Guarantee by the Commonwealth in respect of a Loan to be raised by the Administrator of the Territory of New Guinea to meet the Cost of certain Road Construction.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hughes and Mr. Casey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Hughes 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.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 17.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section fifteen of the ‘ Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1934-1935 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 22nd June, 1938.

28th June, 1938.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 1, after clause 1 insert the following clause :—

“ 1A. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Commencement. Royal Assent.”

Amendment agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HUNTINGFIELD,

*Administrator.*

*Message No. 19.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Canberra, 27th April, 1938.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey 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.

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.

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, 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1936–37.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HUNTINGFIELD,

*Administrator.*

*Message No. 20.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 27th April, 1938.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

28th June, 1938.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6.
8. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1936-37, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

*Part I.—Departments and Services—other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.*

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The Parliament .. .. .	1,030
The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	31,747
The Department of External Affairs .. .. .	579
The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	31,991
The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	4,257
The Department of the Interior .. .. .	2,619
The Department of Defence .. .. .	298,096
The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	37,078
The Department of Health .. .. .	1,382
The Department of Commerce .. .. .	10,555
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	231,972
Wai Services .. .. .	32,548
Total Part I. .. .. .	683,854

*Part II.—Business Undertakings.*

Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	12,483
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	248,219
Total Part II. .. .. .	260,702

*Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.*

Northern Territory .. .. .	16,261
Federal Capital Territory .. .. .	17,441
Norfolk Island .. .. .	325
New Guinea .. .. .	10,000
Total Part III. .. .. .	44,027
Total .. .. .	988,583

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 a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the further 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 £988,583.

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 a later hour this day, 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. Cameron do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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12. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1936-37.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven*”, 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.

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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1936-37.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HUNTINGFIELD,

Administrator.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 27th April, 1938.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

14. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1936-37 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £535,619.

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 a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1936-37, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £535,619.

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 a later hour this day, 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.

18. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1936-37.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*”, 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.

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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19. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—  
High Commissioner for Australia in London—Report for 1937.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of T. R. Henderson, Department of the Interior.  
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 56, 60.  
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 57.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Darwin, Northern Territory—For Administration purposes.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 58, 59.
20. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL 1938.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935-1936*.  
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 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.
21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior) moved, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
22. REPRESENTATION 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 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. Collins reported accordingly.

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

23. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1938-39.—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. Brennan 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.
24. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker.—

HUNTINGFIELD,

*Administrator.**Message No. 22.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1938*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 28th June, 1938.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 18.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for Insurance against certain Contingencies affecting Employees, and the Wives, Children, Widows, and Orphans of Employees, and for other purposes*", and requests the House to amend the Bill as set out in Schedule A annexed.

The Senate desires to inform the House that the Amendments set out in Schedule B annexed have been made by the Senate in the Bill.

The Senate,

Canberra, 28th June, 1938.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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26. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman, Mr. Baker, Mr. Blain, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Green, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Menzies\*, Sir Earle Page\*, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Stacey, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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