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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 43.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1938.

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. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of further proposals which had been made by the Prime Minister of Great Britain for a peaceful settlement of the Sudeten German problem in Czechoslovakia, and of Mr. Chamberlain's acceptance of the invitation of Herr Hitler to a Conference to be held at Munich to-day. Mr. Lyons also informed the House of certain suggestions made by the Commonwealth Government to the British Government, and expressed the appreciation of honorable Members of the services of Mr. Chamberlain.  
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement on the matter.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Grey (Mr. Badman), on the ground of ill-health.  
Question—put and passed.
4. RADIATOR ASSEMBLIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proposed bounty on the manufacture of radiator assemblies for motor vehicle chassis.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Report and Recommendations—Radiator Assemblies for Motor Vehicle Chassis.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1938—  
No. 21—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.  
No. 22—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1938, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments of D. Dain and F. R. E. Mauldon, Department of the Treasury.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Newcastle, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.  
Papua Act—Ordinances of 1938—  
No. 3—Supply, 1938-39.  
No. 4—Port Moresby Electric Light and Power.  
No. 5—Samarai Electric Light and Power.  
No. 6—Diocese of New Guinea Property.  
No. 7—Customs Tariff.  
No. 8—Police Offences.  
No. 9—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2), 1937-1938.  
No. 13—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).  
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 94.  
Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 95.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—STATES GRANTS 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. 35.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Canberra,

20th September, 1938.

29th September, 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 sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

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. White 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.

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.

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

[Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) 1938]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the following Bills :—

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1936’ ” ;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930–1936’ ” ;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930–1936’ ” ;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930–1936’ ” ;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930–1936’ ” ;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1936’ ” ;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930–1936’ ” ;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930–1936’ ” ;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930–1936’ ” ;

and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills without requests.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 29th September, 1938.

[Income Tax Bill 1938]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “An Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 29th September, 1938.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1936–37.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

HUNTINGFIELD,  
Administrator.

Message No. 36.

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,  
22nd September, 1938.

HUNTINGFIELD,  
Administrator.

Message No. 37.

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,  
22nd September, 1938.

29th September, 1938.

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

9. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1936–37.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1936–37.

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
War 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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1936–37.

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.

Questions—put and passed.

Resolutions 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.

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 RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), were adopted by the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1936–37.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1936–37.

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.

29th September, 1938.

Questions—put and passed.

Resolutions 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Mr. Thompson do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

13. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1936-37 [No. 2].—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 now be 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.

14. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1936-37 [No. 2].—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) also 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.

15. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that day, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that day, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman\*, Mr. Blain, Mr. Collins, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Spender.

\* On leave.

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