

1937-38-39.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 99.

FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1939.

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. CIVIL AVIATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the re-organization of air lines, the progress made with the installation of radio facilities, and the development of aerodromes.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Forde rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The failure of the Government to take the necessary action to prevent the sweating conditions in the clothing trade".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Forde moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*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, 35.

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

Noes, 26.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Martens	Mr. Gander
Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Member named and suspended.*—During the taking of the division, Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Holloway) for disobeying the Chair.

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Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Green	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Martens	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby	Mr. McHugh	
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock		
Mr. McCall			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being put—

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

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Casey	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scully	Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde	Mr. Spurr	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Green	Mr. Ward	Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. James	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender
Mr. Lazzarini		Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Martens	Mr. Gander	Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Mulcahy		Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock
		Mr. McCall	

And so it was negatived.

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

Nauru—Report to Council of League of Nations on Administration of Nauru during 1938.

New Guinea—Report to Council of League of Nations on Administration of Territory of New Guinea for year 1937–38.

Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Air Compressors (including Air Blowers).

Articles made partly or wholly of silver.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of D. J. Simper, Attorney-General's Department.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes at Northbridge, New South Wales.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances of 1939—

No. 2.—Medical Practitioners Registration.

No. 3.—Canberra Community Hospital.

No. 4.—Stock Diseases.

Public Health Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

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5. NATIONAL REGISTRATION BILL 1939.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—

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 Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 7, line 32, leave out “ or insolvent ”.  
 No. 2.—Page 2, clause 7, line 34, leave out “ or insolvent ”.  
 No. 3.—Page 4, clause 15, lines 16–18, leave out sub-clause (2.), insert the following new sub-clause :—  
 “ (2.) The persons or classes of persons who are required to furnish particulars for the purpose of any census of persons or classes of persons directed to be taken under this section shall be specified in the Proclamation.”  
 No. 4.—Page 4, clause 17, line 41, after “ form ” insert “ or forms.”  
 No. 5.—Page 4, clause 17, after sub-clause (3.) insert the following new sub-clause :—  
 “ (4.) Without limiting the operation of the provisions of sub-section (3.) of this section, where shares in or debentures of any company are owned by persons resident outside Australia, the secretary or other prescribed officer of the company shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be the owner of the shares and debentures so owned.”  
 No. 6.—Page 5, clause 20, line 13, after “ persons ” insert “ who have been ”.  
 No. 7.—Page 7, the First Schedule, leave out “ Fill in particulars of your own property in column (A) and particulars of property held on trust in column (B) ”, insert “ If return is made in respect of your own property, fill in column (A) but not column (B). If return is made in respect of property held on trust, property of a company or property of an absentee, fill in column (B) but not column (A) ”.  
 No. 8.—Page 7, the First Schedule, after “ (B)—On Account of Other Persons ” insert “ , Companies or Absentees ”.  
 No. 9.—Page 7, the First Schedule, leave out paragraph 5, insert the following new paragraphs :—  
 “ 5. Government and other Public Securities, &c.  
 “ 5A. (a) Shares in Companies  
 (b) Debentures of Companies ”.  
 No. 10.—Page 7, the First Schedule, leave out paragraph 11.  
 No. 11.—Page 8, the Second Schedule, leave out paragraph 8.

Amendment No. 1 agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 3 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Street (Minister for Defence), the Amendment was amended by omitting all words after “ leave out sub-clause (2.) ”.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

Amendment No. 6 debated and agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 7 to 11 agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Street, the House adopted the Report.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 94.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to annul certain Proclamations made under the ‘ National Health and Pensions Insurance Act 1938 ’, and under certain Acts with which that Act is incorporated* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16th June, 1939.

7. ALIENS REGISTRATION BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 13—

On the motion of Mr. Cameron, the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 22, after “ offence.” insert the following sub-clause :—

“ (3.) A registered alien who leaves or attempts to leave the Commonwealth without having first surrendered his certificate of registration to an Electoral Officer shall be guilty of an offence.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 14 and 15 agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, line 4, after “ application ” insert “ or other document ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clauses 17 to 22 agreed to.

*New clause—*

On the motion of Mr. Cameron, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

“ 13A.—(1.) The Minister may require an alien to report himself to such Electoral Officer or Commonwealth officer at such times and places as the Minister thinks fit and the certificate of registration of the alien shall be endorsed with the particulars of such requirement.

(2.) Any alien failing to report himself as required under sub-section (1.) of this section shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : Fifty pounds or imprisonment for three months.”

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Perkins, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

## 8. DEFENCE BILL 1939.—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, 35.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scully
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender	Mr. Lazzarini	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. McHugh	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McCall	Mr. Nock		

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

Mr. Speaker 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—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scully
Mr. Corser	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. James	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Watkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Martens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. McHugh	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 4 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Casey	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. James	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby	Mr. McHugh	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jolly		Mr. Pollard	Mr. Gander
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Riordan	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. McEwen			
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner		
Sir Earle Page	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

*New clause—*

Mr. Blackburn moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“ 7.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything in this Act or the Principal Act—

(a) no inhabitant of any Territory of the Commonwealth shall be required, unless he voluntarily agrees to do so, to serve beyond the limits of that Territory ; and

(b) no inhabitant of Australia shall be required, unless he voluntarily agrees to do so, to serve beyond the limits of Australia.

(2.) In the preceding sub-section of this section ‘ Australia ’ does not include any Territory of the Commonwealth unless such Territory is within the limits of the continent of Australia and ‘ Territory of the Commonwealth ’ does not include any Territory of the Commonwealth which is within the limits of the continent of Australia.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Spurr	Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender
Mr. James		Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. McHugh	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Pollard		Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Rosevear	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Jolly	
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McEwen	Mr. Stacey

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Street (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Street moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Casey	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Collins	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Green	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Thorby	Mr. McHugh	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Gander
Mr. McEwen		Mr. Riordan	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Paterson	Mr. Nock		

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

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9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1939-40.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 95.

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 forty* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16th June, 1939.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1937-38.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

Message No. 76.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General 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-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 7th June, 1939.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

Message No. 77.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General 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-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 7th June, 1939.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 10 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 11, Government Business.
12. SUPPLY.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1937-38.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1937-38.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1937-38, 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 .. .. .	5,836
The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	22,251
The Department of External Affairs .. .. .	1,313
The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	13,615
The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	10,519
The Department of the Interior .. .. .	17,767
The Department of Defence .. .. .	273,406
The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	27,378
The Department of Health .. .. .	3,795
The Department of Commerce .. .. .	23,436
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	239,759
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	55,656
War Services .. .. .	16,424
<b>Total Part I.</b> .. .. .	<b>711,155</b>

*Part II.—Business Undertakings.*

Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	12,849
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	149,292
<b>Total Part II.</b> .. .. .	<b>162,141</b>

*Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.*

Northern Territory .. .. .	22,081
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	5,540
New Guinea .. .. .	1,135
Norfolk Island .. .. .	1,840
<b>Total Part III.</b> .. .. .	<b>30,596</b>

<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>903,892</b>
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Debate ensued.

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Mr. Gander called the attention of the Chairman to the fact that there was not a quorum of Members present.

*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled that the Committee had just been counted and that he did not propose to count the Committee again after such a short interval.

*Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.*—Mr. Gander having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Progress 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.

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

[*States Grants (Youth Employment) Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 96.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16th June, 1939.

[*Aliens Registration Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Registration of Aliens*”.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16th June, 1939.

[*National Registration Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the taking of Censuses for the purpose of National Registration, for the establishment of a National Register, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Amendment of the House of Representatives upon Amendment No. 3 of the Senate.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16th June, 1939.

[*Defence Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 99.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1934', and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16th June, 1939.

14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

15. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson.

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