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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1934.

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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ACCIDENTS TO AIRCRAFT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the interim reports by the Air Accidents Investigation Committee on the loss of the Aircraft DH 86, VH-URN, *Miss Hobart*, in Bass Strait, and the Aircraft VH-USG, near Longreach, Queensland.
3. RETURN TO ORIGINAL WRIT (NORTHERN TERRITORY).—The Clerk announced that he had that day received from the Military and Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General the Return to the Original Writ for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Northern Territory, which confirmed the certificate of indorsement on the Copy Writ as to the election of Adair Macalister Blain, announced to the House on the 28th November.
4. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip W. Game, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., Governor of New South Wales, Lord Sempill, a Member of the House of Lords, and General Sir Alexander J. Godley, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., were within the precincts. The distinguished visitors thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, were provided with seats on the floor of the House.
5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Beasley 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 threatened danger to Australia of being involved in a foreign war, and the necessity for (a) immediately declaring Australia's support to the Covenant of the League of Nations which seeks to prohibit the manufacture of armaments and munitions by vested interests, and (b) re-affirming Australia's renunciation of war except in self-defence".
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. Beasley moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Ward addressing the House—
Closure moved.—Mr. Gander 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, 23.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. Martens

Noes, 35.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Perkins
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lane	Mr. White
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Lyons	
Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. McBride	
Mr. McCall	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

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6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1934-35.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" Commonwealth Railways, £684,747 "—

Vote—" Postmaster-General's Department, £9,126,580 "—

Ordered to be considered together.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At five minutes past nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—" Northern Territory, £140,685 "—

Vote—" Federal Capital Territory, £242,789 "—

Vote—" Papua, £59,146 "—

Vote—" Norfolk Island, £3,000 "—

Ordered to be considered together.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gander moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—" Federal Capital Territory, £242,789 "—be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. Martens

Noes, 33.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Nock
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Price
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lane	Mr. White
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Lyons	
Mr. Maxwell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr. Casey (Assistant 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 1934-35, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £22,516,417.

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

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The Parliament	105,460
The Prime Minister's Department	350,110
The Department of the Treasury	723,480
The Attorney-General's Department	168,850
The Department of the Interior	352,000
The Department of Defence	4,187,040
The Department of Trade and Customs	538,140
The Department of Health	106,670
The Department of Commerce	349,490
Miscellaneous Services	1,151,040
Refunds of Revenue	1,150,000
Advance to the Treasurer	2,000,000
War Services Payable out of Revenue	1,077,190
Total Part 1	12,259,470

Part 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	684,747
Postmaster-General's Department	9,126,580
Total Part 2	9,811,327

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Part 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	140,685
Federal Capital Territory	242,789
Papua	59,146
Norfolk Island	3,000
Total Part 3	445,620
Total	22,516,417

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be 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.

7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES, 1934–35.—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.

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

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1934–35.

Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1934–35, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £10,618,212.

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. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL 1934–35.—Mr. Casey (Assistant 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-five and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such 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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule debated—

Point of Order.—Mr. A. G. Cameron raised a Point of Order that separate items in the Schedule could not be debated.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled that the items could be discussed.

Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. A. G. Cameron proposing to move dissent from the ruling, on the ground that the Chairman was allowing the Committee of Ways and Means to debate and object to items of expenditure already agreed to by the House upon the Report of the Committee of Supply—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that the proposed motion of dissent was not in order, as the House had resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill, and was not in Committee of Ways and Means.

Limitation of Debate.—At twelve minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for all stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Schedule be agreed to—put and passed.

Preamble agreed to.

Title 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.

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10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Aubrey
Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. Blain, Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Bernard Corser,
Mr. Josiah Francis, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hunter, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. G. W. Mahoney,
Mr. Makin, Mr. Marr, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Frederick Stewart.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.