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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 52.

THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1935.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ITALO-ABYSSINIAN DISPUTE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action taken by the Commonwealth Government following upon measures adopted by the Sanctions Co-ordination Committee for the purpose of discharging obligations under Article 16 of the Covenant of the League of Nations.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Norfolk Island Act—
  - Ordinances of 1935—
    - No. 6—Timber Licences (No. 2).
    - No. 7—Education.
    - No. 8—Administration.
    - No. 9—Gun Licence (No. 2).
    - No. 10—Advisory Council.
    - No. 11—Printers and Newspapers.
    - No. 12—Advisory Council (No. 2).
    - No. 13—Administration (No. 2).
    - No. 14—Advisory Council (No. 3).
  - Advisory Council Ordinances—Elections Regulations.
4. RESUMPTION OF LAPSED BUSINESS—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1933-34.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That the proceedings in Committee on the Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1933-34, which lapsed on 10th April, 1935, be resumed, and that the House at the next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Question—put and passed.
5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1935).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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. Thomas Paterson, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1935).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 50.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General 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.

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15th October, 1935.

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 the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be 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. Thomas Paterson 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.

Debate ensued.

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, after debate.

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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES' GRANTS BILL (1935).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General 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 the Commonwealth.

Canberra,  
2nd October, 1935.

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 the Commonwealth.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

17th October, 1935.

The House resumed : Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be 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. Thomas Paterson 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.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.

9. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 265), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division 1. - The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	..	..	..	£7,379
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be agreed to.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1. Debate continued.

Mr. Holloway addressing the Committee and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed : Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (SIR HENRY GULLETT, SIR FREDERICK STEWART, MR. HUTCHINSON, MR. J. N. LAWSON AND MR. PERKINS).—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties (Sir Henry Gullett) and the honorable Member for Parramatta (Sir Frederick Stewart), on the ground of urgent public business, and to the honorable Member for Indi (Mr. Hutchinson), the honorable Member for Macquarie (Mr. J. N. Lawson) and the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr. Perkins), on the ground of urgent private business.

Question—put and passed.

11. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. FROST AND MR. MAKIN).—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Franklin (Mr. Frost) and the honorable Member for Hindmarsh (Mr. Makin), on the ground of urgent private business.

Question—put and passed.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. GREGORY).—Mr. Thorby (Minister in charge of War Service Homes) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Swan (Mr. Gregory), on the ground of urgent private business.

Question—put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Frost\*, Mr. Gregory\*, Sir Henry Gullett\*, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson\*, Mr. John Lawson\*, Mr. Makin\*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Perkins\*, and Sir Frederick Stewart\*.

\* On leave.

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