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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 110.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1936.

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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Thirteenth Annual Report, for year 1935-36.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 102.*

Proposed Laws intituled

" *Supply Act (No. 2) 1936-37* "" *Financial Relief Act (No. 2) 1936* "

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 21st September, 1936.

4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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 acceptance in principle by the Commonwealth Government of an undisclosed agreement with the Government of the United Kingdom in regard to air mails, and the failure of the Government to assure National control of the internal air mail services "

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. Curtin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) addressing the House 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.

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

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 124.
Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1935-36.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 125.

Wool Tax Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 96.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 134.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Bills of Exchange Act 1909-1932* ' " and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 23rd September, 1936

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL [No. 2] (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 135.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1934", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 23rd September, 1936.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

8. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL (1936).—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 18th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935'", 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. Forde 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.

9. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bills be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Bills, by leave, taken together as a whole, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The Standing Orders having been suspended, see page 650—

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Reports.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) (1936) were read a third time.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.

11. SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) 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.

12. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) 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. TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Casey (Treasurer) 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. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—

The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£7,900
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be agreed to.

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.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten 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. Baker, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan, and Mr. Thorby.

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