

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1937.

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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—GIFT OF AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT TO AERO CLUBS. —Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the handing over to Aero Clubs, in the nature of a gift, of certain aircraft, engines and technical stores issued on loan to those Clubs.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING. —Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)

Ayes, 34.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Fadden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Perkins
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 18.

Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. William Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Speaker (Chairman) brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report and Proposed Standing Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives, 1937, together with the Proceedings of the Committee.
Mr. Prowse moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question —put and passed.
5. PAPERS. The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Alpacas, Sicilians, Lustres and Mohairs.
Cutback Bitumen: Asphaltic Flux (being a residual oil) for use in the manufacture of road-dressing preparations and Crude Petroleum for use in the same purpose;
Cutback Distillate Oil for use in the preparation of Bitumen for road making.
Cylindrical Cement Driers and Coolers and Similar Cylindrical Containers.
Fire Extinguishers, Hand.

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Handset Telephones and Bell Boxes for use with telephones.

Metal Split Pulleys.

Metal Wool and Metal Shavings.

Round or Split Enamelled Cane.

Sanitary and Lavatory Articles of Earthenware.

Wicker, Bamboo, and Cane, all Manufactures of. n.e.i.; Wood, all articles made of, n.e.i.; and all articles specified in Tariff Item 303 (A); Bobbins, Pins, Spools and similar articles manufactured of wood or wood in combination with other materials imported as parts of machines.

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

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute---

Passports Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 43.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRANSPORT WORKERS BILL (1937).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to repeal section four of the ‘ Transport Workers Act 1928–1929’ and to enact another section in lieu thereof and to amend section twelve of that Act* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 25th June, 1937.

Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) 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.

7. MEDICAL RESEARCH ENDOWMENT BILL.—Mr. Hughes (Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to constitute a Fund to be utilized for the purposes of Medical Research.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1937–38.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Forde, viz. :— That all the words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—*

“ this House directs the Government—

- (1) To increase the rate of invalid and old-age pensions to £1 per week and to liberalize the provisions of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* ;
- (2) To take whatever steps are necessary to ensure progressive reductions in the number of working hours and increases in living standards commensurate with increased powers of production due to the mechanization and speeding up of industry ; and
- (3) To give effect to the Prime Minister’s pre-election promise made in 1934 that a great National Housing Scheme would be undertaken in conjunction with the States and local authorities.”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.

Mr. Frost 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past four o’clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o’clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Fiske, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Nock, Sir Archdale Parkhill, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Scully, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. D. O. Watkins.

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