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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1937.

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—YAMPI SOUND IRON ORE DEPOSITS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the attitude of the Commonwealth Government towards the export of Iron Ore from Yampi Sound.
3. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address in Reply at the Opening of the Second Session of the Fourteenth Parliament was duly laid before His Majesty the King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honourable Members His Majesty's sincere appreciation of the loyal assurances to which Your Address gives expression.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

30th August, 1937.

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

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Acts Interpretation Act 1937*" 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 Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 27th August, 1937.

5. THE LATE SENATOR J. V. MACDONALD.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that a communication had been received from Mrs. MacDonald thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Munitions Supply Board—Report for period 1st July, 1933, to 30th June, 1935.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Seventeenth Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1936–37 (including the Sir Samuel McCaughey Bequest for the Technical Education of Soldiers' Children).
Petroleum Oil Search Act—Statement of expenditure for period, May, 1936, to June, 1937.
7. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1937).—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections twenty-four, thirty-one, forty-five and forty-seven of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908–1936*.
Question—put and passed.
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, by leave, 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 a later hour this day.

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8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1937-38.—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.
Mr. Forde 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.
Sir Donald Cameron addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
9. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1937).—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 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 5 agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1937-38.—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.
Mr. Beasley addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Archdale 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 two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scholfield, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Thorby.

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