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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1937.

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—SANDY BAY RIFLE RANGE.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proposed removal of the Sandy Bay rifle range, Tasmania.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1936-37, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Nhill, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
 - Lighthouses Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, Nos. 83, 88.
 - Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 92.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Attorney-General—S. A. Mathew-Dakis.
 - Interior—O. A. Beattie, F. M. Clemenger and J. M. Moss.
 - War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission for year 1936-37, together with Statements and Balance-sheet.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BILL (1937).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

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 amend the *Defence Equipment Act 1928*.

Canberra, 1st September, 1937.

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 amend the *Defence Equipment Act 1928*.

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.

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Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Mr. Menzies 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) 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.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—POST OFFICE WORKS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

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 the sum of One million pounds for the purpose of Post Office Works.

Canberra, 1st September, 1937.

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 the sum of One million pounds for the purpose of Post Office Works.

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. Menzies 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. 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 a later hour this day.

6. REPATRIATION FUND (BAILLIEU GIFT) BILL.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to vary the Trusts upon which the Baillieu Gift to the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund is held, to provide for the Distribution of that Gift, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

7. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) (1937).—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections twenty and twenty-one of the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1937*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

8. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1937).—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections nine and fifteen of the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1935*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

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9. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL (1937).—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal section eight and amend section nine of the *High Commissioner Act 1909*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

10. SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH BILL (1937).—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Science and Industry Research Act 1920-1926* and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

11. SUPERANNUATION BILL (1937).—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1934*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BOUNTIES BILL (1937).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 21.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on certain Goods the Produce of Manufacture of the Territory of Papua and on certain Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Territory of New Guinea.

Canberra, 31st August, 1937.

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. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on certain Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Territory of Papua and on certain Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Territory of New Guinea.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. White 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. White, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. White and Sir Archdale Parkhill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. White 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. White moved, 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 a later hour this day.

13. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1937-38.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1937-38.

Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £40,100"—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £350"—agreed to.

Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £6,010"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £1,630"—debated and agreed to.

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- Vote—"Department of the Interior, £303,740"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Department of Defence, £8,000"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Department of Trade and Customs, £40,000"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Department of Health, £40,250"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Department of Repatriation, £99,730"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Department of Commerce, £27,190"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £269,000"—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.

14. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1937-38.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
 Deputy-President.

The Senate,
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16. 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 twenty-six minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McCall, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Nock, Mr. Scully, and Mr. Thorby.

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