

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 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. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1936-37, together with Summary of Recommendations.
Ordered—That the Report be printed.
Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways for year 1936-37.
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1936-37.
Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Balance-sheet and Liquidation Account as at 28th February, 1937, with Auditor-General's certificates.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1937-38.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
GOWRIE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 1.*
In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
Canberra, 1st December, 1937.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply, when appointed.
5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Jolly brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed at the previous sitting, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.
Mr. Jolly moved, That the Address be agreed to.
Mr. Rankin seconded the motion.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.
6. SUPPLY.—Mr. Cameron (Assistant Minister), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Cameron (Assistant Minister), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
8. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

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Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances . . . £7,920

be agreed to.

General debate ensued.

First item agreed to.

Remainder of Vote—"The Parliament, £128,000"—

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the remainder of the Vote be postponed.

Question—put and passed.

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £452,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of External Affairs, £14,700"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £825,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department, £202,500"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Interior, £499,200"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Defence, £5,992,000"—debated.

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.

9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.:—Mr. Collins, Mr. Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Nairn, and Mr. Price.

Question—put and passed.

10. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other Business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the question is put "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair". On such Thursday General Business shall have precedence of Government Business until nine o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

11. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m.; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m.; and on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Question—put and passed.

12. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Thomas Joseph Collins, Esquire,
Arthur William Fadden, Esquire,
John Norman Lawson, Esquire,
Norman John Oswald Makin, Esquire,
George William Martens, Esquire,
Walter Maxwell Nairn, Esquire,
John Lloyd Price, Esquire, and
John Solomon Rosevear, Esquire.

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

GEORGE BELL,
Speaker.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Francis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Paterson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.