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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 25.

TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1938.

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. 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 Empire Air Mail Service, and the distribution of the mails to the States of the Commonwealth".
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.
Mr. Thorby (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.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
HUNTINGFIELD,
Administrator. *Message No. 15.*
Proposed Laws intituled—
" *Customs Tariff 1938* "
" *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1938* "
" *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1938* "
as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.
Government House,
Canberra, 6th June, 1938.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—
Taxation—Memorandum by the Commissioner of Taxation showing Commonwealth and State Income Taxes for 1937-38.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
Darwin, Northern Territory—For Defence purposes.
Kissing Point, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1938—
No. 8—Native Labour.
No. 9—Arms, Liquor and Opium Prohibition.
5. NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Administrator's Message No. 13—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The motion previously moved by Mr. Casey (Treasurer) (*see page 117*) was agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, by leave, was adopted by the House.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE BILL 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HUNTINGFIELD,

Administrator,

Message No. 16.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Treasurer in a Bill for an Act to provide for Insurance against certain Contingencies affecting Employees, and the Wives, Children, Widows, and Orphans of Employees, and for other purposes.

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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 amendments to be moved by the Treasurer in a Bill for an Act to provide for Insurance against certain Contingencies affecting Employees, and the Wives, Children, Widows, and Orphans of Employees, and for other purposes.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) proposing to move, as an amendment, That after "Treasurer" the words "and other Members" be inserted—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled that the amendment would not be in order as it was beyond the scope of the Administrator's recommendation.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Curtin having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McCall
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens	Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully	Mr. Francis	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Green		Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Holloway		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander	Mr. Jolly	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Nock

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, by leave, was adopted by the House.

7. NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and postponed.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 16 agreed to.

Clause 17—

Mr. Hawker moved, as an amendment, That the words "aboriginal natives of Australia or" (lines 15-16) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled the amendment out of order, as it would bring in another class of contributor.

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Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, as an amendment, That the words " (not being aboriginal natives of Australia or of the Islands of the Pacific) " (lines 15-16) be omitted.

Debate continued.

Mr. Rosevear moved, That the clause be postponed until after the First Schedule.

Debate continued.

Question—That the clause be postponed until after the First Schedule—put and negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 18—

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen 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. Badman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Menzies*, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Spender, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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