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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 84.

TUESDAY, 23RD MAY, 1939.

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

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 72.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Customs Tariff 1939* ”

“ *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1939* ”

“ *Special Annuities Act 1939* ”

“ *Defence (Visiting Forces) Act 1939* ”

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 Laws.

Admiralty House,

Sydney, 20th May, 1939.

3. THE LATE HONORABLE FRANCIS CLARKE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the family of the late Honorable Francis Clarke a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 40.

Air Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 2.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 34.

Superannuation Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1937-38.

Wool Publicity and Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 38.

5. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 1939.—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for Supply and Development), the following amendment was made :—Page 1, after “ Part II.—Administration.” insert “ Part IIA.—Aircraft Assembly.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and postponed.

Clause 5—

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That the word “ profits ” (page 2, line 30) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words “ net profit to six per centum ” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past 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. Barnard, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. Nock, Sir Earle Page, and Mr. Thompson.

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