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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 97.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JUNE, 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. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE A. G. OGILVIE (PREMIER OF TASMANIA).—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 10th instant, of the Honorable A. G. Ogilvie, Premier of Tasmania, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Albert George Ogilvie, K.C., M.H.A., Premier of Tasmania, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service, and extends its profound sympathy to Mrs. Ogilvie and her daughter in their sad bereavement; and also to the Government of Tasmania in the loss which the State has sustained.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Sir Earle Page and Mr. Spurr having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. Ogilvie and to the Government of Tasmania the foregoing Resolution, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. DEATH OF MR. A. C. CEABROOK.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 11th instant, of Mr. A. C. Ceabrook, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. Alfred Charles Ceabrook, a former Member for the Division of Franklin, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders to his widow and family its deep sympathy in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Sir Earle Page having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. Ceabrook the foregoing Resolution, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

<p>MR. SPEAKER,</p> <p>The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "<i>An Act relating to the Supply of Munitions and the Survey, Registration and Development of the Resources of Australia, and for other purposes</i>", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.</p> <p>The Senate, Canberra, 13th June, 1939.</p>	<p>Message No. 91.</p> <p>J. B. HAYES, President.</p>
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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Bankruptcy Act—Rules Amended—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 41.
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of F. A. Murray, Department of the Interior.
 Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Dated 22nd May, 1939 (Statutory Rules 1939, No. 43).
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Administrative purposes at Darwin, Northern Territory.

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7. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business at the next sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.
Question—put and passed.
9. NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for Social Services):—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to annul certain Proclamations made under the *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act 1938*, and under certain Acts with which that Act is incorporated—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Curtin, viz.:*—That all words after “to” (second occurring) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—“repeal the *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act 1938*”—
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.
Mr. Brennan 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.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Casey	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spender
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jolly	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Nock

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Mr. Beasley	Mr. McLlugh
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. Martens	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Sir Frederick Stewart 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.

Sir Frederick Stewart moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated.

Sir Frederick Stewart moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added:—

“Provided that the powers shall not be exercised unless and until a resolution approving the exercise of the powers has been passed by both Houses of the Parliament.”

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Frederick Stewart, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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10. NATIONAL INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—JOINT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for Social Services) :—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed—
- (a) to examine the *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act 1938* and consider what amendments (if any) should be made to that Act, in relation to—
- (i) the benefits to be provided ;
 - (ii) the persons to be insured for each benefit ;
 - (iii) the scope of medical and pharmaceutical services and arrangements for their provision ;
 - (iv) the administration of Health Insurance benefits ; and
 - (v) the extent to which the Insurance should be compulsory or voluntary for any class of persons in respect of any benefits,
- and to report accordingly ;
- (b) to consider the subject of Unemployment Insurance, the recommendations which on 27th February, 1937, were submitted to the Prime Minister by Mr. G. H. Ince on that subject, the system of Unemployment Insurance operating in Queensland, and the principles appropriate to a scheme of Unemployment Insurance for the Commonwealth, and to report accordingly ; and
- (c) to ascertain and advise on the anticipated cost of any suggested amendments to the scheme embodied in the *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act 1938* and of any other proposals upon which the Committee may report.
- (2) That five Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament, to move from place to place, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken by such Committee.
- (4) That the Committee, during its deliberations on the subjects specified in paragraph 1 (a) of this motion, associate with its members eight persons to be appointed by the Minister for Social Services, three of whom shall represent the British Medical Association, two of whom shall represent Pharmaceutical Chemists and Dispensaries, and the remainder (two of whom shall represent Friendly Societies and one of whom shall represent Trade Unions) shall be persons experienced in the provision and administration of medical services.
- (5) That the Committee associate with its members the Members of the National Insurance Commission and the Commonwealth Actuary and that the Committee confer with representatives of such organizations as would, if the *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act 1938* were in operation, be concerned in the administration of Health Insurance as provided in that Act.
- (6) That the Committee report by the 30th September, 1939.
- (7) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that three Members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee—

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Casey	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Spender
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Jennings	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Street
Mr. Lane	Mr. White
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. McCall	
Mr. Menzies	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Francis
Mr. Perkins	Mr. Gardner

Noes, 42.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Badman	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Nock
Mr. Blackburn	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Prowse
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Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
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Mr. Fadden	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Ward
Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Martens	Mr. Gander
Mr. McEwen	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was negatived.

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The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1939.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1939-40.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 75.

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 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 forty.

Sydney, 20th May, 1939.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

12. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1939-40.

Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1939-40 a sum not exceeding £10,477,100.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

14. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

15. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1939-40.

Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1939-40, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £10,477,100.

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.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Frost, Mr. Holt, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, and Mr. Wilson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.