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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 119.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 6.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Public Baths Ordinance—Regulations.
Trade Marks Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 157.
3. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1931).—Mr. Albert Green (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1930*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Albert Green 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.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
4. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, 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.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Lines 15 and 16, omit "duty of excise paid", insert "amount paid by way of duty of excise under any Tariff or Tariff proposal".

Debate continued.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Forde (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 492), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

5. DISTILLATION BILL (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Gullett 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 the next sitting.
6. WHEAT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 65—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of a Bounty on the Production of Wheat, for the making of Loans to necessitous Wheat Growers, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Parker Moloney 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. Parker Moloney, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Parker Moloney and Mr. Forde do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Parker Moloney 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

7. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Albert Green (Postmaster-General) moved, 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Albert Green, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. WHEAT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Gullett 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 the next sitting.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—WHEAT BILL.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Order of the Day, viz. :—Wheat Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate—made an Order of the Day for the next sitting, to be made the next Order of the Day for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

10. WHEAT BILL.—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.

Mr. Stewart 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 the next sitting.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past ten 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. Bell, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Price, and Mr. Edward Riley.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.