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CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 172.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JULY, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—RATIONS ISSUED TO UNEMPLOYED IN FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY.—Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the issue of Rations to Unemployed in the Federal Capital Territory, and explaining the Departmental action in the cases of such unemployed in receipt of War Pensions.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 87.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH DEBT CONVERSION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 122.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States, and for other purposes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th July, 1931.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—SALES TAX BILL (NO. 1) (1931).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved—

That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Acts (No. 1) 1930* there be imposed sales tax at the rate of six per centum upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia by a taxpayer, which are sold by him or applied to his own use on or after the eleventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, or treated by him, on or after that date, as stock for sale by retail.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1931).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 78.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Mr. Theodore 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. Theodore, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Theodore and Mr. Scullin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Theodore 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.

Mr. Theodore moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. COMMONWEALTH DEBT CONVERSION BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, Preamble, after line 10 add

“ And Whereas an agreement has been made between the Commonwealth and the States with respect to the said Conversion :”

No. 2.—Page 5, clause 12, at end of clause add the following new sub-clauses :—

“(5.) Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock for which existing securities are exchanged under either of the last two preceding sub-sections, and Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock in respect of which dissent is signified in accordance with this Act, shall not, except as prescribed, be exchangeable for bonds or any other form of security.

“(6.) Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock for which existing securities are exchanged under sub-section (3.) or sub-section (4.) of this section shall not be deemed to be new securities within the meaning of this Act.”

No. 3.—Page 5, clause 13, line 11, after “ he ” insert “, or the person whose executor, administrator or trustee he is,”

No. 4.—Page 5, clause 14, lines 35–36, leave out “, if any, so specified”, insert “ upon which they are redeemed ”

No. 5.—Page 6, clause 14, line 11, after “ Stock ” add “ and shall not be exchangeable for bonds or any other form of security ”

No. 6.—Page 6, clause 15, line 17, leave out “ Government ”

No. 7.—Page 6, clause 15, line 21, leave out “ Government ”

No. 8.—Page 6, clause 15, line 25, leave out “ and ”

No. 9.—Page 6, clause 15, at end of sub-clause (2.) add “, the Hobart Savings Bank and the Bank for Savings, Launceston ”

No. 10.—Page 8, clause 20, line 33, before “ tax ” insert “ income ”

No. 11.—Page 8, clause 20, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following new sub-clause :—

“(1A.) In determining, for the purposes of this section, the amount of income tax which would be payable in respect of interest to which this section applies, the rate of tax shall be applied to the whole amount of that interest included in the income of the taxpayer without any deduction except such part (if any) of the deductions allowable from the income of the taxpayer derived from property as, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Taxation, is properly attributable to the interest.”

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- No. 12.—Page 9, clause 22, line 29, leave out “ shall ”, insert “ may ”.
- No. 13.—Page 10, clause 25, line 2, after “ Commonwealth ” insert “ or in any part of the Commonwealth ”.
- No. 14.—Page 10, clause 25, line 14, after “ authorized by ” insert “ or under ”.
- No. 15.—Page 10, clause 25, lines 16–18, leave out “ any director or officer of any such company and any person acting in any fiduciary capacity ”, insert
 “ —(a) any director of, and any member of the council of management or governing body of, and any person charged either alone or with others with the management or government of, and any liquidator of, any such company as aforesaid or any other company ; and
 (b) any person or company acting in any fiduciary capacity whatever.”.
- No. 16.—Page 10, clause 25, at end of clause insert the following new sub-clause :—
 “ (4.) This section shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any State Act (whether passed before or after the commencement of this Act) which authorizes or empowers trustees to convert, or to withhold signification of dissent from the conversion of, any existing securities into new securities, and which is not in terms inconsistent with the provisions of this section.”.
- No. 17.—Page 10, clause 26, line 19, leave out “ Registries ”, insert “ Registers ”.
- No. 18.—Page 10, clause 27, at end of clause add the following sub-clause :—
 “ (2.) Where in any session of the Parliament either House of the Parliament disallows a regulation made in pursuance of this section, any regulation made in that session and the same in substance as the regulation so disallowed shall be void and of no effect.”.

Amendment No. 1 agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the Amendment was amended, as follows :—

(a) by inserting before the word “ bonds ” in new sub-clause (5.) the word “ Commonwealth ”; and

(b) by inserting before the word “ security ” in new sub-clause (5.) the word “ Commonwealth ”.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.

Amendment No. 5—

On the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), the Amendment was amended, as follows :—

(a) by inserting before the word “ bonds ” the word “ Commonwealth ”; and

(b) by inserting before the word “ security ” the word “ Commonwealth ”.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment No. 6 debated—

Amendment agreed to, with the following consequential amendment :—

Page 6, clause 15, line 19, omit “ or ”, insert “ and the Treasurer of ”.

Amendments Nos. 7 to 15 agreed to.

Amendment No. 16 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 17 agreed to.

Amendment No. 18 debated—

Question—That the Amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 45.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Forde	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Frost	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Lewis	Mr. E. C. Riley

Mr. Beasley
 Mr. James

Tellers:
 Mr. Eldridge
 Mr. Lazzarini

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the House adopted the Report.

8. **WHEAT MARKETING BILL (1931).**—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. Latham 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. **SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 727), That the first item in the Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., under Division No. I.—The Department of Defence—namely—

Naval establishments—Machinery and plant, £3,000,
be agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Culley reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH DEBT CONVERSION BILL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 123.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States, and for other purposes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House to amendments Nos. 2 and 5 of the Senate and to the consequential amendment made by the House in clause 15 of the Bill.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th July, 1931.

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 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. Anstey, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Marks, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Earle Page*, and Mr. Ward*.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.