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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 203.

THURSDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE P. McM. GLYNN.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the sympathy of this House be extended to the members of the family of the late Honorable Patrick McMahon Glynn, K.C., who, from the date of his election to the first Commonwealth Parliament until 1919, was a Member of the House of Representatives, and rendered outstanding service to Australia as a Member of the Legislature and as a Minister of the Crown.
And Mr. Latham (Deputy-Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the members of the family of the late Honorable P. McM. Glynn the foregoing Resolution together, with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. WIMMERA BY-ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Wimmera Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on Tuesday, the 20th instant.
4. CORRECTION OF ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in the first Division taken on Tuesday, the 20th instant, the Tellers inadvertently made an error. The name of Mr. Theodore should have been included in the List of those Members who voted with the Noes, instead of the name of Mr. Thompson. The error would be rectified in the official records.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 98.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Flax and Linseed Bounties Act 1931*", 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 Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1931.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1931).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 164.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*," 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.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th October, 1931.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

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

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1931).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 165.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend section twenty-five of the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1931'," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th October, 1931.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1931—No. 31—Sheriff.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 131.
Railways Act—Report of Commonwealth Railways Operations, for year ended 30th June, 1931
(in substitution for the Report tabled on the 14th instant).
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinance of 1931—No. 19—Bills of Sale.
Building and Services Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
Fish Protection Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
Public Baths Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT BOUNTY BILL [No. 2] (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. 99.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives 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, and for other purposes.

Government House,
Canberra, 29th October, 1931.

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. 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, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath 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. Scullin 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Distinguished Visitor.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Sir Newton Moore, a Member of the House of Commons, was within the precincts. Sir Newton Moore thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

Debate continued.

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. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets), the following amendment was made :—
Page 1, line 8, omit "produced", insert "harvested".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney, the following amendments were made :—

Page 1, line 13, omit "since", insert "on or after".

Page 2, lines 3-4, omit "until such time as the grower decides to sell the wheat", insert "pending sale".

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, line 7, omit “ (1.) ”.

Page 2, line 9, omit “ (2.) ”, insert “ Provided that ”.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Mr. Parkhill moved, as a further amendment, That the words “ in such manner as is prescribed ” (page 2, line 11) be omitted and that the following words be inserted in place thereof “ in proportion to the interests of the share-farmers in the wheat or the proceeds thereof ”.

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9—

On the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney, the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, line 31, omit “ in relation to wheat ”.

Page 2, line 32, after “ necessary ” insert “ in relation to compliance with this Act or the regulations made thereunder or any suspected contravention thereof ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL (No. 2) (1931).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 166.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend sections ten, nineteen, twenty-nine and forty-nine of the ‘ Financial Emergency Act 1931’*,” 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, 29th October, 1931.

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.)

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 2, clause 3, lines 4 and 5, leave out “ from time to time, by notice published in the *Gazette*, fix ”, insert “ by regulation, prescribe ”.

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 3, lines 9–11, leave out “ under any one or more of the laws of any State imposing taxes upon incomes whether for a specified purpose or not ”, insert “—

(a) under any one or more of the laws of any State imposing taxes upon incomes for the purposes of the general revenue of the State, and

(b) under any one or more of the laws of any State imposing taxes upon incomes, where the law of the State expressly provides that the revenue received from the tax is to be applied to meet expenditure incurred by the State for any special purpose, or the regulations prescribe that, for the purposes of this section, the tax shall be deemed to be a tax to meet expenditure incurred by the State for a special purpose ”.

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 3, line 12, leave out “ publication in the *Gazette* ”, insert “ making ”.

No. 4.—Page 2, clause 3, line 12, leave out “ a notice ”, insert “ regulations ”.

No. 5.—Page 2, clause 3, line 16, leave out “ notice ”, insert “ regulations ”.

No. 6.—Page 2, clause 3, line 17, leave out “ that fixed in the notice ”, insert “ is prescribed ”.

No. 7.—Page 2, clause 3, line 19, leave out “ fix ”, insert “ prescribe ”.

On the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), the Amendments were agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the House adopted the Report.

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—APPROPRIATION (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF WORKS) BILL.—
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. 100.

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 of Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds for the purpose of Expenditure on Works to provide Relief to Persons out of Employment.

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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. 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 of Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds for the purpose of Expenditure on Works to provide Relief to Persons out of Employment.

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.

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. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

12. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mackay, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nairn, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Price, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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