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**THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.**

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 47.

FRIDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1932.

1. The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. White presented a Petition from Edwin Lewis Purbrick, of 613 Canterbury-road, Surrey Hills, Melbourne, praying that a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into the operations of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company Limited.
Petition received.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SELLING AND ADVERTISING AUSTRALIAN GOODS IN UNITED KINGDOM.—Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to comments recently made in Great Britain by the Right Honorable W. M. Hughes, M.P., concerning the sale and advertising of Australian goods in the United Kingdom.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Wheat Bounty Act—Statement, dated 29th September, 1932, by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
5. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the 12th October next, at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, GENEVA, 1932—REPORT COVERING PERIOD FEBRUARY—JULY, 1932—
MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
Disarmament Conference, Geneva, 1932—Report covering the period February—July, 1932—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Latham 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.
Mr. Latham continuing to address the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the further time allowed—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Mr. Scullin 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.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Fourth Annual Report, for period 1st August, 1931, to 31st July, 1932.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate.

[*South Australia Grant Bill (1932)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 46.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th September, 1932, a.m.

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[*Western Australia Grant Bill (1932)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th September, 1932, a.m.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Tasmania Grant Bill (1932)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th September, 1932, a.m.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Financial Emergency Acts 1931' and for other purposes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th September, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

Statement by Mr. Speaker.—Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the House to the fact that the Message covered an Amendment made by the Senate which may be in conflict with Section 53 of the Constitution.

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 Amendment made by the Senaté, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 13, clause 20, after proposed section 53A add the following :—

"53B. Sub-section (1.) of section five of the *Gold Bounty Act 1930-1931* is amended by adding at the end thereof the words 'and thereafter for such further period as is equivalent in the aggregate to the period or periods during which, by virtue of section fifty-three A of this Act, no amount of bounty payable under the *Gold Bounty Act 1930-1931* is distributed'."

Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Amendment be disagreed to.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Latham moved, That Mr. Lyons, Mr. Fenton, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up a Reason for the House of Representatives disagreeing to the Amendment.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Latham, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reason, which was read, and is as follows :—

Reason of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the Amendment of the Senate.

That the Amendment increases a proposed charge or burden on the people and accordingly is an infringement of section fifty-three of the Constitution.

Mr. Latham moved, That the Committee's Reason be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty-three minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At ten minutes to five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

10. PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House this day, be printed :—

Bankruptcy Act—Fourth Annual Report, for period 1st August, 1931, to 31st July, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILLS (Nos. 1 to 9) (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the following Bills :—

"*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930-1931'*" ;

"*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1930-1931'*" ;

"*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 3) 1930-1931'*" ;

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- “ A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 4) 1930-1931 ’ ” ;
 “ A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1930-1931 ’ ” ;
 “ A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 6) 1930-1931 ’ ” ;
 “ A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 7) 1930-1931 ’ ” ;
 “ A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 8) 1930-1931 ’ ” ;

and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedules, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate also returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1930-1931 ’ ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 30th September, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
 President.

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.)

Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 1) (1932)—

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 3, clause 4, lines 31-36, leave out paragraph (b), insert the following new paragraph :—

- “ (b) where the goods are sold by retail—
 (i) if the goods are of a class which the manufacturer himself sells by wholesale—the amount for which the goods would be sold by the manufacturer if sold by wholesale ; and
 (ii) in any other case—the amount for which those goods would have been purchased by the taxpayer from another manufacturer if that manufacturer had manufactured those goods in the ordinary course of his business for sale to the taxpayer : ”.

No. 2.—Page 5, clause 5, lines 10-15, leave out all the words after “ drying ” (first occurring).

No. 3.—Page 8, clause 8, line 10, after “ item— ” (second occurring) insert “ Lime for use in farming pursuits ; ”.

No. 4.—Page 9, clause 8, line 5, after “ troughing ” insert “, and water sprinklers,”.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons (Treasurer), the Amendments were agreed to.

Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 2) (1932)—

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 4, lines 7-12, leave out all words after “ drying ” (first occurring).

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 6, line 40, after “ item— ” (second occurring) insert “ Lime for use in farming pursuits ; ”.

No. 3.—Page 5, clause 6, line 31, after “ troughing ” insert “, and water sprinklers,”.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the Amendments were agreed to.

Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 3) (1932)—

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 4, lines 7-12, leave out all the words after “ drying ” (first occurring).

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 6, line 40, after “ item— ” (second occurring) insert “ Lime for use in farming pursuits ; ”.

No. 3.—Page 5, clause 6, line 35, after “ troughing ” insert “, and water sprinklers,”.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the Amendments were agreed to.

Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 4) (1932)—

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, clause 3, lines 20-25, leave out all words after “ drying ” (first occurring).

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 4, line 1, after “ item— ” (first occurring) insert “ Lime for use in farming pursuits ; ”.

No. 3.—Page 4, clause 4, line 43, after “ troughing ” insert “, and water sprinklers,”.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the Amendments were agreed to.

Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 5) (1932)—

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 4, clause 4, line 29, after “ items— ” insert “ Lime for use in farming pursuits ; ”.

No. 2.—Page 5, clause 4, line 17, after “ troughing ” insert “, and water sprinklers,”.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the Amendments were agreed to.

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Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 6) (1932)—

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 5, clause 10, line 33, after “ items— ” insert “ Lime for use in farming pursuits ; ”.

No. 2.—Page 6, clause 10, line 13, after “ troughing ” insert “ , and water sprinklers, ”.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the Amendments were agreed to.

Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 7) (1932)—

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 4, clause 5, line 28, after “ items— ” insert “ Lime for use in farming pursuits ; ”.

No. 2.—Page 5, clause 5, line 8, after “ troughing ” insert “ , and water sprinklers, ”.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the Amendments were agreed to.

Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 8) (1932)—

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 4, clause 3, line 1, after “ items— ” insert “ Lime for use in farming pursuits ; ”.

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 3, line 25, after “ troughing ” insert “ , and water sprinklers, ”.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the Amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

12. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Sales Tax Bill (No. 6) (1932)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1931’* ” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th September, 1932.

[*Financial Emergency Bill (1932)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Financial Emergency Acts 1931’ and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that whilst in the opinion of the Senate it is not clear the Amendment would have the effect of increasing the charge or burden upon the people, the Senate refrains at this stage from any determination of its rights under the Constitution, and does not insist on its Amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th September, 1932.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, the 12th October next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. McBride, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Price, Mr. E. C. Riley, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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