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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 107.

FRIDAY, 26TH MAY, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT.—Mr. E. F. Harrison, Vice-Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed:—

Munitions Supply Board—Report for period 1st July, 1929, to 30th June, 1931, together with

Report of Commonwealth Government Clothing Factory for year ended 30th June, 1931.

Superannuation Act—Tenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board 1931-32.

Postmaster-General's Department—Twenty-second Annual Report, 1931-32.

Norfolk Island Act—Report for year ended 30th June, 1932.

Taxation—Fifteenth Report of the Commissioner, years 1928-29, 1929-30, 1930-31 and 1931-32.

Senate Committee Room,  
25th May, 1933.

E. F. HARRISON,  
Vice-Chairman.

Mr. E. F. Harrison moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PETROL COMMISSION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to facilitate the proceedings of the Royal Commission appointed to hold an Inquiry respecting certain matters in relation to Mineral Oils, and Petrol and other products of Mineral Oils,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th May, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

4. PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Blakeley proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The action of the Government in withholding wages from the employees of the Commonwealth Railways which had been awarded them by an award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration"—

*Point of Order.*—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) raised a Point of Order that, as the matter was the subject of legal proceedings, that the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration had reserved judgment upon it, and that it was also before the High Court in another aspect, the subject matter was *sub judice* and could not be debated.

*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that in the circumstances disclosed by the Attorney-General the subject appeared to be *sub judice*, and could not, therefore, be debated.

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5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT BILL.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to establish a Supreme Court of the Territory for the Seat of Government, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.

6. AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs) 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 9, Government Business.

8. REPARATIONS—LAUSANNE CONFERENCE—REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 31st August last*], viz. :—

Reparations—Lausanne Conference, June–July, 1932—Report, with copies of the final Act and other documents relating to the settlement—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

9. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, GENEVA, 1932—REPORT COVERING PERIOD FEBRUARY–JULY, 1932—Motion for Printing Paper.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 30th September last*], viz. :—

Disarmament Conference, Geneva, 1932—Report covering period February–July, 1932—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12, Government Business.

11. TOBACCO—TARIFF BOARD REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Henry Gullett, That the Paper [*presented on the 2nd March, 1932*], viz. :—

Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Tobacco—

be printed, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Forde, viz. :—That the following words be added to the motion :—“and that the Government reconsider its action with a view to affording Australian tobacco-growers the same margin of protection as that given by the previous Government ; and that Parliament be granted an early opportunity to determine the question so as to remove the uncertainty now prevailing in the industry.” ; and on the Amendment to the proposed Amendment moved by Mr. Earle Page, viz. :—That all words in the proposed amendment after the word “that” (*first occurring*) be omitted and the following words be inserted in place thereof :—“in the opinion of this House, the Government should reconsider the proposals submitted by the tobacco-growers that the rates of excise duty should be, on

(A) Tobacco, manufactured from Australian-grown leaf .. .. .	per lb. 3s. 4d.
(B) Tobacco, manufactured from imported leaf .. .. .	per lb. 5s. 4d.”—

Amendment to the proposed Amendment negatived.

Original Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

13. NAVIGATION (MARITIME CONVENTIONS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Holloway 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.

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

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At seven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 81.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act relating to a Commission to deal with the matter of Grants by the Commonwealth of financial assistance to the States* ", 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, 26th May, 1933.

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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, clause 4, lines 19-21, leave out " In the absence from any meeting of the Commission of the Chairman, or, where a member of the Commission is appointed to act as Chairman, of the Chairman and that member ", insert " Where the Chairman is absent from any meeting of the Commission and a member has not been appointed under the last preceding sub-section to act as Chairman ".

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the amendment was agreed to.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Latham, the House adopted the Report.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At five minutes past seven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
*Resumption of Sitting.*—At eighteen minutes to eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

15. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—MR. SPEAKER announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Seat of Government (Administration) Bill* (1933)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 82.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to validate the issue of certain Crown grants, the extension of the term and the determination of the rent of certain leases, the determination of the capital value of certain lands and the sale and disposal of certain Crown lands in the Territory for the Seat of Government, to amend section six of the ' Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909-1929 ' and to amend section nine of the ' Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1931 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th May, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

[*Inscribed Stock Bill* (1933)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 83.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1932 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th May, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

[*Financial Emergency Bill* (1933)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 84.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend section eighteen B of the ' Financial Emergency Act 1931-1932 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th May, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

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[Supply Bill (No. 1) 1933-34]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 85.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 thirty-four,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,

Canberra, 26th May, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

16. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SURPLUS AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the issue of certain surplus Air Force equipment to Aero Clubs.
17. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FREE ISSUE OF COAL.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the issue of certain surplus coal from naval stocks in New South Wales for the purpose of relieving distress in the Newcastle district.
18. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.  
Question—put and passed.
19. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.  
Question—put and passed.
20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to eight o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blacklow, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Gander, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hutchin, Mr. James, Mr. Marr, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Price, Mr. Prowse, Mr. E. C. Riley, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. Ward.

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