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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 114.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1933.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGE IN MINISTRY.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that Senator Sir Harry Lawson, K.C.M.G., had been included in the Cabinet and was, on the 17th October, appointed a Member of the Federal Executive Council.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WHEAT INDUSTRY.—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the Government's proposals for assistance to the Wheat Industry.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT.—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the steps about to be taken by the Government to carry out Australia's obligations under the International Wheat Agreement. Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), Mr. Gregory and Mr. Beasley, by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence Department—Estimates, 1933-34—Explanatory Statement prepared by direction of the Minister for Defence.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—
Repatriation Commission—Report for year ended 30th June, 1933.
War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year ended 30th June, 1933.
Severally ordered to be printed.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1933—
No. 6—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; Australian Postal Electricians' Union; Australian Workers' Union; Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association; Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union; Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association; and Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
No. 7—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.
No. 8—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
No. 9—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; Australian Postal Electricians' Union; Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union; Australian Workers' Union; Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association; Commonwealth Postmasters' Association; Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association; Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association; Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association; Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia; Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department; Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union; Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia; Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; Postal Overseers' Union of Australia; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

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- No. 10—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 11—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 12—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
 No. 13—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Commonwealth Foremen's Association; Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association; and Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 No. 14—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; and Australian Postal Electricians' Union.
 No. 15—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia, Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia; and Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1933, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 110.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 112.

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 111.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Fifth Annual Report of the Wine Overseas Marketing Board for the year ended 30th June, 1933, together with a statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1933).—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. 61.

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 provide relief to Taxpayers, to amend laws relating to Financial Emergency, and for other purposes.

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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. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide relief to Taxpayers, to amend laws relating to Financial Emergency, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lyons, by leave, was adopted by the House.

7. FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1933).—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Forde, viz. :—*That all the words after "That" be omitted and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof :—“the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for the complete restoration of the percentage reductions in public service salaries, wages, pensions, and social services”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Riordan addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one 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—Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Latham, Mr. Earle Page, and Mr. Thomas Paterson.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.