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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 130.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 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. RETURN TO WRIT (FLINDERS DIVISION).— Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 12th October last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Flinders, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Right Honorable Stanley Melbourne Bruce, C.H., M.C., and that by the endorsement on the Writ it appeared that James Valentine Fairbairn had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
  3. MEMBER SWORN. James Valentine Fairbairn, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
  4. 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. 66.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Excise Tariff 1933*," 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.

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  5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT IN FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding Unemployment in the Federal Capital Territory.
  6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ROYAL COMMISSION ON PETROL.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the position reached by the Royal Commission appointed to hold an Inquiry respecting certain matters in relation to Mineral Oils, and Petrol and other products of Mineral Oils.
  7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The intention of the Government to go into a long recess without having formulated a comprehensive plan to provide employment for the workers."
- Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
- Mr. Scullin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Dennis addressing the House—
- Closure moved.*—Mr. Ward moved, That the question be now put.
- Question—That the question be now put—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

**Ayes, 18.**

Mr. Baker  
 Mr. Beasley  
 Mr. Blakeley  
 Mr. Forde  
 Mr. Albert Green  
 Mr. Holloway  
 Mr. James  
 Mr. George Lawson  
 Mr. Makin  
 Mr. W. Maloney  
 Mr. Martens  
 Mr. Riordan  
 Mr. Rosevear  
 Mr. Scullin  
 Mr. Ward  
 Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander  
 Mr. E. C. Riley

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Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bell	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McBride
Mr. Dein	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dennis	Mr. McGrath
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lane	Mr. Nairn

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 123.

9. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1933–34.

Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1933–34 a sum not exceeding £1,485,550.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) 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.

11. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister), was adopted by the House.

12. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1933–34.

Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1933–34, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,485,550.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, was adopted by the House.

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

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13. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1933-34.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the services of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Casey 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed : Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

14. SUPPLY ESTIMATES, 1933-34.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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(In the Committee.)

Vote—“The Department of Defence, £3,522,820”—further debated—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF BILL (No. 2) (1933).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 105.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Excise,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 21st November, 1933.

16. SUPPLY ESTIMATES, 1933-34.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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(In the Committee.)

Vote—“The Department of Defence, £3,522,820”—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—“The Department of Trade and Customs, £498,700”—

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

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

17. 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. 67.

A Proposed Law intituled “*Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1933,*” 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.

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18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1933-34.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 106.

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 services 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, 21st November, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

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19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL (1933).—  
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand and for other purposes*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,

Canberra, 21st November, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

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

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPIRITS BILL (1933).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 108.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to suspend the operation of sections three, four and five of the 'Spirits Act 1932'*," 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, 21st November, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

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

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute 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. Thomas Collins, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holman, Mr. McNicoll, and Mr. Parkhill.

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