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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 139.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING. Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER. —The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Tenth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 20th November, 1933.
4. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1933).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1933* in relation to claims of the Commonwealth against Property of Pensioners.
Question—put and passed.
5. IMMIGRATION BILL (1933). Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Immigration Act 1901-1932*.
Question—put and passed.
6. TARIFF BOARD BILL (1933). Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tariff Board Act 1921-1929*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. White 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE QUESTIONS IN REGARD TO THE SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER. —Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the introduction, first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Assessment Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.
Question—put and passed.
8. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILLS (Nos. 1 to 9) (1933).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in Bills for Acts to amend the Sales Tax Assessment Acts Nos. 1 to 8, 1930-1933, and the Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1930-1932.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Casey then brought up the following Bills—
 - A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930-1933";*
 - A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1930-1933";*
 - A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 3) 1930-1933";*
 - A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 4) 1930-1933";*
 - A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1930-1933";*
 - A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 6) 1930-1933";*
 - A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 7) 1930-1933";*
 - A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 8) 1930-1933";*
 - A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1930-1932";*
and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bills read a first time.
Ordered—That the second readings be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS IN REGARD TO SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILLS.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Sales Tax Assessment Bills Nos. 1 to 9 to be passed through all stages without delay.
Question— put and passed.
10. BANKRUPTCY BILL [No. 2] (1933).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading — Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Baker 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 a later hour this day.
11. COCKATOO ISLAND DOCKYARD AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Rosevear 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 a later hour this day.
12. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CONVERSION LOAN.—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing details of a further Conversion Loan in London.
13. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1933).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading — Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) 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 a later hour this day.
14. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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 a later hour this day.
15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) (1933).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 114.

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

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1933.

16. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—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—
Debate resumed.
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—

Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, as an amendment, That the clause be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following clause in place thereof :—

3. Unless, at a poll of producers held in the prescribed manner within six months from the commencement of this Act, at least sixty per centum of the producers voting at the poll are in favour of the continued operation of this Act, this Act shall cease to have effect upon a date to be fixed by Proclamation, not being later than one month after the expiration of the period of six months from the commencement of this Act.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put and passed.

Mr. Frederick Stewart then moved, That the proposed clause be inserted.

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment to the proposed clause, That the words "at least sixty per centum" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "a majority" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed clause—put.

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The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Dein	Mr. Marr	Mr. Beasley	Mr. McClelland
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. McBride	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Dennis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White	Mr. Gander	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson		Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lane	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Latham	Mr. Price	Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. James	

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Proposed clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4

On the motion of Mr. Frederick Stewart, the following amendment was made:

Page 2, line 2, after "cheese" insert "but does not include processed cheese".

Mr. Frederick Stewart moved, as a further amendment, That the definition of "producer" (page 2, lines 3-4) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following definitions in place thereof:—

"'processed cheese' means any cheese manufactured and sold in the Commonwealth which has been subjected to any further prescribed process of manufacture;

"'producer' means any person who being a producer of milk during the year ending the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, has manufactured and sold at least five hundred pounds in weight of dairy produce, or has supplied to a manufacturer of dairy produce sufficient milk or cream or both to produce at least five hundred pounds in weight of dairy produce."

Question—That the definition proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put and passed.

Mr. Frederick Stewart then moved, That the proposed definitions be inserted.

Mr. J. V. Fairbairn moved, as an amendment upon the proposed further amendment, That after "thirty-three," the following words be inserted:—"has had five or more cows in production for the sale of milk, cheese or butter, at some period during the preceding twelve months, and".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.

Further amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

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. 79.

A Proposed Law intituled "Customs 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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Canberra, 5th December, 1933.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE. MIGRANT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 115.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria, and for other purposes," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

5th December, 1933.

19. TRADE COMMISSIONERS BILL.—Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment of Trade Commissioners for the Commonwealth and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Frederick Stewart 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
20. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1933).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908–1933’ in relation to Claims of the Commonwealth against Property of Pensioners*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
21. WHEAT GROWERS RELIEF BILL.—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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Beasley 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.
22. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT ACQUISITION 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. 80.

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 for the acquisition of wheat by the Commonwealth and for other purposes.

Canberra,

29th November, 1933.

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. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the acquisition of wheat by the Commonwealth and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Mr. Frederick Stewart 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. Frederick Stewart, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Frederick Stewart and Mr. Parkhill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Frederick Stewart 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hutchin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McNicoll, and Mr. Stacey.

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