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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 147.

THURSDAY, 12TH JULY, 1934.

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. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DESIGNS BILL (1934).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

<p>MR. SPEAKER,</p> <p>The Senate has passed a Bill for "<i>An Act to amend the ' Designs Act 1906-1933 '</i>", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.</p> <p>The Senate, Canberra, 12th July, 1934.</p>	<p><i>Message No. 157.</i></p> <p>P. J. LYNCH, President.</p>
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Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Parkhill moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
Question—put and passed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (PRIMAGE DUTIES) BILL (1934).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

<p>MR. SPEAKER,</p> <p>The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "<i>An Act relating to Primage Duties of Customs</i>", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.</p> <p>The Senate, Canberra, 12th July, 1934.</p>	<p><i>Message No. 158.</i></p> <p>P. J. LYNCH, President.</p>
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5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Mining Areas in Northern Territory—Preliminary Report on tour of inspection by the Commonwealth Government Geologist (Dr. W. G. Woolnough).
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1934).—Mr. MAIR (Minister for Repatriation) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections twenty-two, thirty-nine, forty-five x and forty-five y of, and the Second and Fifth Schedules to, the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1931*, to repeal section forty of that Act, and to amend that Act in relation to pensions payable to Returned Soldiers suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.
Question—put and passed.

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Mr. Marr 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.

Mr. Marr moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Forde 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. ELECTORAL BILL (1934).—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections three, twenty-nine, thirty-three, thirty-nine, forty-one, forty-seven, ninety-three, one hundred and twenty-three, one hundred and thirty-three, one hundred and thirty-five, one hundred and seventy-seven and two hundred and twelve of, and the Schedule to, the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1929*, and relating to Enrolment and the Removal of Names from Electoral Rolls.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Perkins 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.

Mr. Perkins moved, by leave, 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 the next sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVIGATION (MARITIME CONVENTIONS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 159.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to give effect to certain International Conventions, to amend the provisions of the ‘ Navigation Act 1912-1926’ relating to matters dealt with by those Conventions, and to repeal section eight and amend section four hundred and nineteen of the said Act* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

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President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

9. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1934).—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 by Mr. Makin, who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—“ the Government be instructed also to provide legislation immediately for the purpose of removing entirely from the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* the provisions dealing with the claims made upon pensioners’ property, and to provide for the restoration of the maximum pension rate of £1 per week ”.

Point of Order.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) raised a Point of Order that the proposed amendment was out of order on the ground that it was not strictly relevant to the Bill, which had a restricted title, and dealt only with one subject, viz. :—contributions from relatives of pensioners.

Speaker’s Ruling.—Mr. Speaker pointed out that there were many precedents in the House in support of the validity of the proposed amendment. *May’s Parliamentary Practice* also supports such an amendment in the following words :—“ It is also competent to a member who desires to place on record any special reasons for not agreeing to the second reading of a Bill, to move, as an amendment to the question, a resolution declaratory of some principle adverse to, or differing from, the principles, policy or provisions of the Bill ”.

Point of Order.—Mr. Casey raised a further Point of Order that the proposed amendment was out of order on the ground that it would increase the expenditure contemplated by the proposed legislation.

Speaker’s Ruling.—Mr. Speaker pointed out that the proposed amendment was merely a declaration of opinion, that it, in itself, did not increase expenditure, and was therefore in order.

Debate continued.

Mr. Hutchinson 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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—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. 95.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1934* ”

“ *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934* ”

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 Laws.

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11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1934—

No. 11—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 12—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

Nos. 13 and 14—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia ;
Amalgamated Engineering Union ; and Australasian Society of Engineers.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lane, Mr. Latham, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Price, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Thorby.

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