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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 149.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1934.

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. 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. 97.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) 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 Law.

Canberra, 14th July, 1934.

3. THE LATE HONORABLE AGAR WYNNE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Richardson, daughter of the late Honorable Agar Wynne, a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.

4. THE LATE MR. E. E. HEITMANN.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Heitmann a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.

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

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on the applications made in 1933 by the States of South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania, for Financial Assistance from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.

6. PRIVILEGE—PUBLICATION OF REPORTS AND STATEMENTS.—Mr. Riordan raised a question of Privilege, and moved, That the practice of releasing in various capital cities reports and printed statements at the same time as such reports and statements are disclosed to this House, is a breach of Privilege, and this House declares its right to be the first to receive such reports and statements, and the speeches thereon.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McBride
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	Tellers:
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lyons	Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 14.

Mr. Baker
Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Roland Green
Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Makin
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put, was negatived.

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

Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 81.

Bankruptcy Act—Rules—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 77.

Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 79.

Copyright Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 78.

Dairy Produce Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 82.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 80.

Norfolk Island Act—

Ordinances of 1933—

No. 9—Interpretation.

No. 10—Crown Lands.

No. 11—Importation of Plants.

Ordinances of 1934—

No. 1—Education.

No. 2—Sellheim Grave.

No. 3—Crown Lands.

No. 4—Executive Council.

No. 5—Motor Car.

No. 6—Companies.

No. 7—Customs.

No. 8—Ordinances Revision.

No. 9—Slaughtering.

Motor Car Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

Sellheim Grave Ordinance—Regulations.

Papua Act—

Ordinances of 1933—

No. 9—Immigration Restriction (No. 2).

No. 10—Public Service (Lieutenant-Governor's Leave).

No. 11—Native Labour.

No. 12—Immigration Restriction.

No. 13—Land.

Ordinances of 1934—

No. 1—Superannuation.

No. 2—Copra Producers Assistance.

Public Service Act—Appointment of V. L. Steffanoni, Department of the Treasury.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1934-35.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 98.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 19th July, 1934.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 99.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 19th July, 1934.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

9. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division 1.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£7,182
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be agreed to.

Progress 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. PAPER.—Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1934-35—Papers presented by the Right Honorable J. A. Lyons, P.C., M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1934-35.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1934).—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. 100.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six 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 ; to provide Financial Relief for certain Primary Producers ; and for other purposes.

Canberra, 23rd July, 1934.

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. Casey (Assistant Minister) 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 ; to provide Financial Relief for certain Primary Producers ; and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey 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. Casey, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Casey 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. Casey 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 the next sitting.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (1934).—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. 101.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 19th July, 1934.

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. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey 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. Casey, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Casey 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. Casey 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 the next sitting.

24th July, 1934.

13. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1934-35.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (*see* page 918), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division 1.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £7,182

be agreed to.

Ordered—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

Progress 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.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6.

15. ELECTORAL 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.

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 to 3 agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 omitted.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and omitted.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior), the following amendment was made:—

Page 3, lines 38-40, omit "or

(b) has been enrolled in respect of a place of living not within that Division,"

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11 debated—

Mr. Rosevear moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (a) be omitted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 15 and 16 agreed to.

Title—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins, the Title was amended by omitting the words "thirty-three, thirty-nine,"

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments, and with an amended Title.

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

17. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION 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.

Mr. E. C. Riley 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to 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. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gibson, Mr. E. J. Harrison, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Latham, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Price, Mr. Thorby, and Mr. Ward.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.