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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 150.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH 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. DEATH OF MR. JOHN THOMSON.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. John Thomson, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and extends its sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen in silence—  
Question—passed.
3. 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. 102.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Customs Act 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, 24th July, 1934.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRIMAGE DUTIES.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the Primage Duty Proposals contained in the Budget.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SIXTH REPORT.—Mr. E. F. Harrison, Vice-Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).  
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

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.

Electoral Act—Reports, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing into Electoral Divisions the States of—

New South Wales,  
Queensland,  
South Australia,  
Victoria,  
Western Australia.

High Commissioner for Australia in London—Report for 1933.

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Nauru—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru during the year 1933.  
 New Guinea—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of New Guinea from 1st July, 1932, to 30th June, 1933.  
 Norfolk Island—Annual Report for year ended 30th June, 1933.  
 Papua—Annual Report for year 1932–33.  
 Public Service Act—Tenth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 20th November, 1933.  
 Superannuation Act—Eleventh Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, 1932–33.  
 Taxation—First Report of the Royal Commission.

E. F. HARRISON,

Vice-Chairman.

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Mr. E. F. Harrison moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
 Question—put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Roland Green 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 deportation of a natural-born Australian citizen from Australian territory because of failure to pass a dictation test in a foreign language".  
 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. Roland Green moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and negatived.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Taxation—Sixteenth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, years 1929–30, 1930–31, 1931–32, 1932–33, and part 1933–34.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Warrawagine, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

8. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL (1934).—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters, and for other purposes.  
 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.  
 Debate ensued.  
 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

9. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 1) (1934).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930–1934*.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 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.  
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 2) (1934).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1930–1934*.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 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.  
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.

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12. FINANCIAL RELIEF 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. Nelson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for the unemployed and primary producers of the Northern Territory".

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

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

Ayes, 32:			Noes, 13.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jennings		Mr. Baker
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Marr		Mr. Beasley
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell		Mr. Forde
Mr. Dein	Mr. McClelland		Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nairn		Mr. Holloway
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill		Mr. James
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson		Mr. Makin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins		Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse		Mr. Rosevear
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield		Mr. Ward
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey		Mr. Watkins
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart		
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. White		
Mr. Hawker			<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>		Mr. Gander
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner		Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McNicoll		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister), the following amendments were made:—

Page 4, line 28, after "sympathy;" insert "other stationery in book form;"

Page 4, line 46, after "cinder-cement," insert "asbestos cement or fibro cement,"

Mr. Prowse moved, as a further amendment, That after "items—" (page 5, line 9), the item "Concrete water pipes for water supply purposes" be inserted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 13.			Noes, 23.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Riordan		Mr. Blacklow
Mr. Baker	Mr. Rosevear		Mr. Casey
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Ward		Mr. Dein
Mr. Forde			Mr. Dennis
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		Mr. J. V. Fairbairn
Mr. James			Mr. Fenton
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander		Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Prowse	Mr. E. C. Riley		Sir Littleton Groom
			Mr. White
			Mr. Guy
			Mr. E. F. Harrison
			Mr. Hutchinson
			<i>Tellers:</i>
			Mr. Marr
			Mr. Gardner
			Mr. Maxwell
			Mr. Hutchin

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the following further amendments were made:—

Page 6, lines 9 and 10, omit "blast furnace slag, gravel, sand and other materials", insert "and all other materials (including blast furnace slag, gravel, sand, bitumen and tar) and mixtures of materials,"

Page 7, line 16, after "metals," insert "crushed blast furnace slag,"

Mr. Prowse moved, as a further amendment, That after "farming" (page 8, line 8) the word "reticulation" be inserted.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McBride
Mr. Baker	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Ward	Mr. Dein	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Forde		Mr. Dennis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Hawker		Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holloway		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Stacey
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. White
Mr. Prowse	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Guy	
		Mr. E. F. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Marr	Mr. Hutchin
		Mr. Maxwell	

And so it was negatived.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the following amendments were made :—

Page 9, line 19, after "sympathy;" insert "other stationery in book form;"

Page 9, line 38, after "cinder-cement," insert "asbestos cement or fibro cement,"

Page 10, lines 46 and 47, omit "blast furnace slag, gravel, sand and other materials", insert "and all other materials (including blast furnace slag, gravel, sand, bitumen and tar) and mixtures of materials,"

Page 11, line 47, after "metals," insert "crushed blast furnace slag,"

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the following amendments were made :—

Page 13, line 45, after "sympathy;" insert "other stationery in book form;"

Page 14, line 13, after "cinder-cement," insert "asbestos cement or fibro cement,"

Page 15, lines 17 and 18, omit "blast furnace slag, gravel, sand and other materials", insert "and all other materials (including blast furnace slag, gravel, sand, bitumen and tar) and mixtures of materials,"

Page 16, line 14, after "metals," insert "crushed blast furnace slag,"

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DISTILLATION BILL (1934).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 161.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Distillation Act 1901-1931*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 25th July, 1934.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 162.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to revise the Statute Law of the Commonwealth by repealing Enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary, to make any Amendments in that Law which are rendered necessary or desirable by any such repeal, and for other purposes*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

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P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General), for Mr. Latham (Attorney-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.

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

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15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1934).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 163.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend sections three, twenty-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* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 25th July, 1934.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day 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. E. J. Harrison, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lane, Mr. Latham, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Martens, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Price, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Thorby.

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