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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 151.

THURSDAY, 26TH 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. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the Orders of the Day.
3. FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1934).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Ward proposing to move, as an amendment, That the word "Five" (page 17, line 39) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "Twenty" in place thereof—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Bell) ruled that such an amendment would be out of order, as its effect would be to increase the amount of the appropriation required.

Clause debated and agreed to.

Clause 12—

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—" but shall not include unemployment relief taxes or superannuation payments ".

Debate ensued.

Point of Order.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) raised a Point of Order that the amendment, if agreed to, would increase the amount of the appropriation required, and was therefore not in order.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Bell) ruled the amendment in order, as any increase in expenditure as a result of the proposal would not be a direct increase.

Debate continued.

Amendment temporarily withdrawn, by leave.

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.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 164.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend Part XI. of the 'Excise Act 1901-1923' ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th July, 1934.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WHEAT GROWERS RELIEF BILL (1934).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 165.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend section twelve of the 'Wheat Growers Relief Act' 1933", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th July, 1934.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

6. 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. 103.

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 an amendment to be moved by the Assistant Minister, Mr. Casey, to 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, 26th 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 an amendment to be moved by the Assistant Minister, Mr. Casey, to 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.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, by leave, was adopted by the House.

7. FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1934).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 12 further considered—

Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, as an amendment, That after the word "pounds" (page 18, line 20) the following proviso be inserted :—

" : Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall prevent the payment of maternity allowance in any case in which the Commissioner is satisfied that, at the time of the birth, the claimant and her husband or the claimant (as the case may be) were not, or was not, in receipt of income exceeding the rate which is, under the foregoing provisions of this sub-section, the limit of income applicable to that case, and that the non-receipt of income at that rate was not a casual or temporary circumstance."

Mr. Rosevear moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That all the words after "case" (last occurring) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted from the proposed amendment be so omitted—put. The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 16.

Noes, 33.

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

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

Mr. Aubrey Abbott
Mr. Blacklow
Mr. Casey
Mr. Dein
Mr. Dennis
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Gregory
Sir Littleton Groom
Mr. Guy
Mr. E. F. Harrison
Mr. Hawker
Mr. Hill
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Hutchin
Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Jennings

Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Lyons
Mr. Marr
Mr. Maxwell
Mr. McBride
Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Perkins
Mr. Price
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. White

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. McNicoll

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the amendment (moved by Mr. Casey) be agreed to—put and passed.

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Amendment previously moved by Mr. Beasley and temporarily withdrawn (see Entry No. 3) again moved.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. Makin
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins
Mr. William Watson

Tellers:

Mr. Baker
Mr. Gander

Noes, 36.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Casey	Mr. Marr
Mr. Dein	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Dennis	Mr. McBride
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. McNicoll

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Clause 20 agreed to.

Clause 21 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 22 to 26 agreed to.

Clause 27—

Mr. Beasley proposing to move, as an amendment, That after the word " pears " (page 21, line 32) the words " or mandarins " be inserted—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Bell) ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that it would alter the purpose of the appropriation.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Beasley having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Holloway
Mr. Makin
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Baker
Mr. Gander

Noes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Price
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Marr	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchin

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 28 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 29 to 32 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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On the motion of Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 919), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

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

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 27TH JULY, 1934.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. E. J. Harrison, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lane, Mr. Latham, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Martens, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nock, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Thorby.

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