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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 153.

TUESDAY, 31ST 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. DEATH OF MEMBER (MR. D. C. McGRATH).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) having announced, with deep regret, the death, that day, of Mr. D. C. McGrath, moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of David Charles McGrath, Member for Ballaarat in the House of Representatives, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and the members of his family 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.  
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the widow of the late Mr. McGrath the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the late honorable Member, the sitting was thereupon suspended until fifteen minutes past four o'clock p.m.
4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At fifteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 105.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Wheat Growers Relief 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, 27th July, 1934.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 106.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- "*River Murray Waters Act 1934*"
- "*War Service Homes (South Australia) Agreement Act 1934*"
- "*Flour Tax Assessment Act 1934*"
- "*Land Tax Assessment Act 1934*"
- "*Colonial Light Dues Collection 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 Laws.

Canberra, 30th July, 1934.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of the Session.  
Question—put and passed.

31st July, 1934.

7. **PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Forde proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The need for further encouragement of the Australian Tobacco Industry, and the reduction to consumers in the price of tobacco made from the Australian-grown leaf, by increasing the protective duty on imported tobacco leaf by 1s. per lb., and decreasing the excise duty by 1s. 3d. per lb. on all Australian-made tobacco"—  
*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that such a motion was not in order, as it was in conflict with Standing Order No. 38 by reason of the fact that it contained more than one subject for discussion, and because it anticipated Order of the Day No. 15, Government Business.
8. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—  
 Dynamo Electric Machines.  
 Onions in their natural state.  
 Peanuts in the shell.  
 Reaper and Binder Twine.  
 Static Transformers.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
 Western Australia—The Case for Union—A reply to the Case for the Secession of the State of Western Australia, prepared by a Committee constituted by the Commonwealth Government.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 15 of 1934—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Mundiwindi, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.  
 New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1934—  
 No. 11—Prisons.  
 No. 12—Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement).  
 No. 13—Liquor.  
 No. 14—Evidence.  
 No. 15—Legal Practitioners.  
 No. 16—District Courts.  
 No. 17—Native Administration.  
 No. 18—Superannuation.  
 No. 19—Insolvency.  
 No. 20—Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports).  
 No. 21—Police Force.  
 No. 22—Public Service.  
 No. 23—Appropriation (No. 4) 1932-33.  
 No. 24—Appropriation (No. 2) 1933-34.  
 No. 25—Supply 1934-35.  
 No. 26—Criminal Code Amendment.  
 No. 27—Licences.  
 No. 28—Stock Brands.  
 No. 29—Expropriation.  
 No. 30—Diseases of Plants.  
 No. 31—Mortgagors' Relief.  
 No. 32—Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.  
 Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1934—No. 10—Mortgagors' Relief.  
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 86.  
 Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 83, 84, 85.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business.
10. **SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1934-35.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

## ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1934-35.

Vote—"Parliament, £12,960"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £15,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £1,560"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Interior, £262,300"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Defence, £305,700"—

Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That Item No. 1 of Division No. 6, viz. :—Naval construction, £508,500, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 172.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 31st July, 1934.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 22, clause 30, leave out the clause.

Amendment agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 173.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 31st July, 1934.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

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.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1934-35.

Vote—"The Department of Defence, £305,700"—

Debate resumed on the Vote, and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Scullin, viz. :—That Item No. 1 of Division No. 6, viz. :—Naval construction, £508,500, be omitted.

Question—That the Item proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

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

Ayes, 11.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Forde  
Mr. Albert Green  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. Makin  
Mr. Rosevear  
Mr. Scullin  
Mr. Ward  
Mr. Watkins

Mr. Bell	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Latham
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Marr
Mr. Dein	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thorby
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. E. F. Harrison	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	

Tellers:

Mr. Baker  
Mr. Gander

Tellers:

Mr. Hunter  
Mr. McNicoll

And so it was negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £20,300"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Health, £17,300"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Commerce, £23,950"—agreed to.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £73,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £244,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Northern Territory, £50,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Federal Capital Territory, £133,200"—agreed to.

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Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1934-35, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £1,259,270.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) 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.

15. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General), was adopted by the House.

16. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1934-35.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1934-35.

Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1934-35, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,259,270.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Parkhill, was adopted by the House.

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

17. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1934-35.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Parkhill moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. Parkhill, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

18. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1934-35.

Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1934-35 a sum not exceeding £5,819,030.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

19. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) 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.

20. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister), was adopted by the House.

31st July, 1934.

21. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1934–35.

Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1934–35, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £5,819,030.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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. 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.

22. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1934–35.**—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five*”, 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.

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. Casey, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past 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. Bernard Corser, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hutchin, Mr. James, Mr. Lane, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. E. C. Riley, and Mr. Thompson.

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