

1934.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1934.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—  
Alternating Current Watt-hour Meters.  
Biscuits.  
Chamois Leather.  
Drums and other parts of Water Tube Boilers.  
Electric Ventilating Fans.  
Leather as covered by Items 324 (B), (C) and (D).  
Linsed Oil.  
Paper Cones, Tubes, Bobbins, Reels, Spools and Pirns.  
Sanitary and Lavatory Articles of Earthenware including Glazed or Enamelled Fireclay Manufactures.  
Vegetable Oils, Edible, n.e.i., including Cooking and Fish-frying Oils.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 150.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until twelve o'clock noon to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce), moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of this week.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Maxwell	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Thompson

Noes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NORTHERN AUSTRALIA SURVEY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize and provide for the Geological and Geophysical Survey of certain areas in the northern parts of Australia, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 7th December, 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 Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize and provide for the Geological and Geophysical Survey of certain areas in the northern parts of Australia, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse 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. Earle Page 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. Albert Green 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.

6. FLOUR TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (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—  
*Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill.*—Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill.

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

Ayes, 41.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson

Tellers:

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12th December, 1934.

*Allotment of Time.*—Mr. Casey then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows :—

- (a) For the second reading, until 9 p.m. this day ;
- (b) For the Committee stage, until 11.45 p.m. this day ;
- (c) For the Report stage, until 11.50 p.m. this day ;
- (d) For the third reading, until 12 o'clock midnight.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B for the discussion of the motion having expired—  
Question—put.

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

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 25.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Lazzarini	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on the motion, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That all the words after " That " be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words :—" the Bill be withdrawn and assistance be provided to wheat-growers by the re-imposition of taxation on large incomes and wealthy land-owners, and that early steps be taken to establish a compulsory Commonwealth Wheat Pool, with power to control the marketing of the whole of Australia's wheat crop in co-operation with compulsory State Wheat Pools ".

Debate continued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At nine o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second reading had expired—

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

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

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12th December, 1934.

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

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Maxwell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 30.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lane
Mr. Barnard	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Clark	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Garden	Mr. Ward
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. E. J. Harrison	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Jennings	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 25.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. James	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 2—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 13 agreed to.

Clause 14—

Mr. Holloway moved, as an amendment, That the following new paragraph be inserted:—

“(da) flour which is sold or held for sale for use as an ingredient in the manufacture of macaroni, vermicelli, spaghetti or substances of similar composition, and in respect of which the Commissioner is satisfied that the flour will be so used”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. James	

Noes, 42.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. James moved, as an amendment, That the following new paragraph be inserted:—

“(k) flour used for the manufacture of bread sold to and distributed by unemployed organizations”.

Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 reconsidered, by leave—

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Page 2, line 28, after “organization” insert “, and includes any public organization which the Commissioner is satisfied is established for the relief of unemployed persons;”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 23 agreed to.

Clause 24 debated and agreed to.

Clause 25 agreed to.

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*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage had expired—  
Question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with an amendment—put.

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

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White		
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. McBride			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Casey moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At twelve o'clock midnight, Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the third reading had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

#### THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1934.

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

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price	Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White		
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. McBride			
Mr. McCall			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1934-35.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 12th December, 1934.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—FLOUR TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee)

Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) moved the following motions :—

(No. 1.)

That flour tax be imposed at the rate of Two pounds twelve shillings and sixpence per ton upon each pound of flour (not being flour held in stock on the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five by any person not being the manufacturer of that flour) manufactured in Australia by any person and—

- (a) sold by him on or after the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and prior to the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six ;
- (b) sold by him before the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and delivered by him on or after that date and prior to the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six ; or
- (c) used by him on or after the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and prior to the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six in the manufacture of goods.

(No. 2.)

That flour tax be imposed at the rate of Two pounds twelve shillings and sixpence per ton upon each pound of flour in excess of One thousand pounds in weight held in stock on the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, by any person not being the manufacturer of that flour.

(No. 3.)

That flour tax be imposed upon flour and upon the goods specified in the Schedule to this Resolution, imported into Australia, and, on or after the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and prior to the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, entered for home consumption under the law relating to the Customs, at the rate of Two pounds twelve shillings and sixpence per ton in respect of each pound of that flour and in respect of each pound of flour used in the manufacture of those goods.

#### THE SCHEDULE.

Allenbury's food ;  
Benger's food ;  
Biscuits ;  
Bowen's food ;  
Cakes ;  
Cremalt ;  
Diabetic bread and flour ;  
Gluten biscuits, bread, flour and meal ;  
Macaroni ;  
Mellin's food ;  
Mellin's food biscuits ;  
Molestella ;  
Neave's food ;  
Passover bread ;  
Spaghetti ;  
Vermicelli.

Motions agreed to.

Resolutions 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. 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

12th and 13th December, 1934.

9. FLOUR TAX BILL (No. 1) (1934).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Flour manufactured in Australia by any Person, and sold or delivered, or used in the Manufacture of Goods, by him”, and moved, That the Bill 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

10. FLOUR TAX BILL (No. 2) (1934).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Flour held in Stock by certain Persons on the seventh day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five”, and moved, That the Bill 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

11. FLOUR TAX BILL (No. 3) (1934).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Flour and certain Goods imported into Australia”, and moved, That the Bill 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.

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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Lazzarini indicating that he proposed to move an amendment to the Schedule in order to exclude certain articles from such Schedule—

*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled that no amendment could be moved which would vary the terms of the Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means upon which the Bill was founded.

*Closure.*—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 39.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. McBride	
Mr. McCall	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner

Mr. Thompson

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander

Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.



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The Schedule—

Question—That the Schedule be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
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Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
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Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander  
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Casey moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. McBride	
Mr. McCall	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gardner  
Mr. Thompson

Noes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander  
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

*Closure.*—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 3.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Forde
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock	
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Lane	Mr. White	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Maxwell		
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 3.
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Street	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Thompson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lane		Mr. Ward
Mr. McCall	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. McClelland		
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Earle Page	Mr. E. F. Harrison	

And it appearing, on the report by the Tellers, that a quorum of Members of the House was not present, the Speaker, thereupon, at half-past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned the House until twelve o'clock noon this day.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Curtin, Mr. Lyons, and Mr. G. W. Mahoney.

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