

1934.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1934.

1. The House met, at twelve o'clock noon, 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—
Blankets, n.e.i. (except of Rubber); Blanketing; Lap Dusters; Rugs n.e.i., including Buggy Rugs or Aprons but not including Fur or other Skin Rugs and Rugging.
Carburettors for Motor Cycles.
Engine Cleaning Waste.
Paints, Colours, and Varnishes, &c.
Sewing Threads and Sewing Cottons n.e.i.
Shovels.
Tools of Trade, viz. :—Picks, Mattocks, Hooks, and Slashers.
Welded Conduit Pipes and Tubes; Close Jointed Iron or Steel Pipes and Tubes.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Eighteenth Conference, held at Geneva, June, 1934—
Reports of the Australian Delegates.
Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted.
Statistics of Causes of Death—International Agreement, together with Protocol of Signature; signed at London, 19th June, 1934.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Eleventh Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 6th December, 1934.
Science and Industry Research Act—Eighth Annual Report of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, for year 1933-34.
Superannuation Act—Twelfth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1933-34.
Wine Grapes Charges Acts—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 148.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. McBride brought up the First 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 Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Norfolk Island—Annual Report for year 1933-34.

Postal Congress—Universal Postal Congress, Cairo, February-March, 1934—Report by the Honorable Archdale Parkhill (Postmaster-General), and Mr. M. B. Harry.

Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for year 1933-34.

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.

House of Representatives Committee Room,
13th December, 1934.

P. A. McBRIDE,

Mr. McBride moved, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT GROWERS RELIEF BILL (No. 2) (1934).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No 9.

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 amendments to be moved by the Minister for Commerce, to a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Wheat Growers, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 7th December, 1934.

13th 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. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce), moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Minister for Commerce, to a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Wheat Growers, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

5. WHEAT BOUNTY 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—

Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill.

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

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

- (a) For the second reading, until 12.20 p.m. this day;
- (b) For the Committee stage, until 1.35 p.m. this day;
- (c) For the Report stage, until 1.40 p.m. this day;
- (d) For the third reading, until 2 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed on the motion, 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.)

Clauses 1 to 11 agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr. Beasley moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

- “5A. A wheat grower shall not be entitled to receive assistance under this Act unless—
- (a) during the year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, he derived no taxable income; or
 - (b) having derived such income—he produces evidence to the satisfaction of a State authority that there are circumstances by reason of which it is just that he should receive such assistance.”

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At twenty-five minutes to two o'clock p.m., 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 proposed new clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Baker	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fiske	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. Price
Mr. Garden		Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Lane	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
		Mr. Hutchinson	
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Preamble and the Title of the Bill be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and, after debate, the Bill was read a third time.

13th December, 1934.

6. WHEAT GROWERS RELIEF 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. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) 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, 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. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 23.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- (a) For the second reading, until 2.35 p.m., this day ;
- (b) For the Committee stage, until 3.25 p.m., this day ;
- (c) For the Report stage, until 3.30 p.m., this day ;
- (d) For the third reading, until 3.40 p.m., this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 40.

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. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	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. White
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 24.

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

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—

Mr. Garden moved, as an amendment, That after the word "Growers" the words "Absentee Owners and Rural Investors" be inserted.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled the amendment out of order, as it varied the terms of the Governor-General's Message.

Debate on clause continued.

13th December, 1934.

Limitation of Debate.—At twenty-five minutes past three o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage had expired—

Question—That clause 1, the remainder of the Bill, and the circulated amendments of the Government be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put and passed.

The circulated amendments of the Government were accordingly made in the Bill, and are as follows :—

Page 2, omit clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7, insert the following clauses :—

“ 4. There shall be granted to each State, by way of financial assistance, such amount as is necessary to enable that State to make payments, in accordance with the next succeeding section, to wheat growers in that State. Grant of financial assistance to States.

“ 5. The amount which may be paid by a State to any wheat grower, out of moneys granted to that State under the last preceding section, shall be calculated at the rate of three shillings for each acre which the wheat grower satisfies the prescribed authority of that State. was sown by him with wheat for grain during the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four. Payments to wheat growers.

“ 6. There shall be payable to each wheat grower in the Territory for the Seat of Government an amount calculated at the rate of three shillings for each acre which the wheat grower satisfies the prescribed authority was sown by him with wheat for grain during the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four. Assistance to wheat growers in Territory for the Seat of Government.

“ 7. Where—

(a) any person—

(i) is the legal personal representative of a person (since deceased) ; or

(ii) is the trustee of the estate of a person, who has, during the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, sown wheat for grain ; or

(b) any person, being the legal personal representative of a deceased person or a trustee has, during that year, sown wheat for grain on account of the estate of the deceased person or of the trust estate, Executors and trustees.

any amount payable under this Act in respect of the wheat so sown shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, be paid to the legal personal representative or trustee on account of the estate of the deceased person or of the trustee, as the case may be.

New Clauses.

“ 8A. There shall be granted to the State of Tasmania, by way of financial assistance, the sum of Four thousand one hundred pounds in each month during which a tax is imposed upon flour by the *Flour Tax Act (No. 1) 1934*, the *Flour Tax Act (No. 2) 1934*, or the *Flour Tax Act (No. 3) 1934* : Special grant to Tasmania.

Provided that where tax is imposed by any of those Acts for portion only of any month, the sum to be granted in that month in pursuance of this section shall be a sum which bears, to the sum of Four thousand one hundred pounds, the same proportion as the portion of the month bears to the whole month.

“ 8B. Section twelve of the *Wheat Growers Relief Act 1933-1934* is repealed.”. Repeal of section twelve of Wheat Growers Relief Act 1933-1934.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the report.

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

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At twenty minutes to four o'clock p.m., 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 and passed.—Bill read a third time.

7. **WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1934).**—Mr. Thorby (Minister in charge of War Service Homes) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections eighteen and twenty-one of the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1932*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until a later hour this day.

9. **SALES TAX ASSESSMENT (FIJI IMPORTS) BILL.**—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 by Mr. Forde, who moved, as an amendment, That the word “ now ” be omitted from, and that the words “ this day six months ” be added to, the question.

Debate continued.

13th December, 1934.

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

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

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Fiskin	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. Price	Mr. Garden	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street	Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White		
Mr. Hutchinson			
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Fiskin	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. Price	Mr. Garden	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street	Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White		
Mr. Hutchinson			
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson		

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 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That the word " Proclamation " be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words " the next Parliament " in place thereof.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

13th December, 1934.

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

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nock	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. Thompson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price	Mr. Garden	Mr. Watkins
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby	Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White		
Mr. Hutchinson			
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane	Mr. A. G. Cameron		
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO RESERVED BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 10.

The Governor-General informs the House of Representatives that the proposed law intituled "An Act to give effect to certain International Conventions, to amend the provisions of the Navigation Act 1912-1926 relating to matters dealt with by those Conventions, and to repeal section eight and amend section four hundred and nineteen of the said Act", which was reserved for His Majesty's pleasure, has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has, by an Order in Council dated the 5th day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, been pleased to confirm, approve and declare his assent to the said proposed law.

The Governor-General has caused the King's confirmation, approval and assent to be proclaimed in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 81, dated 6th December, a copy of which proclamation is attached hereto.

Canberra,
13th December, 1934.

PROCLAMATION.

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.
ISAAC A. ISAACS
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the
Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS a proposed law entitled "An Act to give effect to certain International Conventions, to amend the provisions of the *Navigation Act* 1912-1926 relating to matters dealt with by those Conventions, and to repeal section eight and amend section four hundred and nineteen of the said Act" has been passed by both Houses of the Parliament of the Commonwealth:

AND WHEREAS upon the said proposed law being on the sixth day of August, 1934, presented to me for the Royal Assent, I declared that I reserved the said proposed law for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure:

AND WHEREAS the signification of His Majesty's pleasure has been communicated to me:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby proclaim and make known that the said proposed law has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that by an Order in Council made at the Court at Buckingham Palace, and bearing date the fifth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, His Majesty has been pleased to confirm, approve, and declare his assent to the proposed law.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth, this fifth day of December
L.S. in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, and in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

EARLE PAGE,

Minister of State for Commerce.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

13th December, 1934.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill (No. 2) (1934)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section nine of the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1933'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 13th December, 1934.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*National Debt Sinking Fund Bill (1934)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1930'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 13th December, 1934.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

12. NORTHERN AUSTRALIA SURVEY BILL.—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.*)

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 (Assistant Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 92) the Bill was read a third time.

13. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1934).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) 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.*)

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. Menzies, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN APPROPRIATION (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) 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. 11.

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 authorise the Issue and Application of a certain sum of money for the purposes of Works and Services and for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States, 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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorise the Issue and Application of a certain sum of money for the purposes of Works and Services and for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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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. Lyons 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.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1934.

Debate continued.

Mr. Brennan 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.

15. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past nine o'clock a.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past nine o'clock a.m.

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

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.