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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

MONDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1935.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MEMBER (THE HONORABLE DAVID WATKINS).—Mr. ^{Earle} Page (Acting Prime Minister) having announced, with deep regret, the death ~~on the previous~~ day of the Honorable David Watkins, moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable David Watkins, Member for the Division of Newcastle in the House of Representatives, a Member of the first and each succeeding Parliament of the Commonwealth, and a former Member of the Parliament of New South Wales, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to 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 relatives of the deceased Member the foregoing Resolution, together with 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 to two o'clock p.m.
4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At fifteen minutes to two o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
6. MINERAL OILS AND PETROL AND OTHER PRODUCTS OF MINERAL OILS—REPORTS (MAJORITY AND MINORITY) OF ROYAL COMMISSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
Mineral Oils and Petrol and other Products of Mineral Oils—Reports of Royal Commission—
(1) Majority Report—Hon. John Gunn and A. J. Hancock, Esq., F.I.C.A. ;
(2) Minority Report—S. Ernest Lamb, Esq., K.C., Chairman,
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Beasley addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Steel Tubular Poles.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
8. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Hughes (Vice-President of the Executive Council) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
League of Nations—Fifteenth Assembly, September, 1934—Report of Australian Delegation,
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Sir Littleton Groom 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.

8th April, 1935.

9. WHEAT GROWERS RELIEF BILL (1935).—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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated—

Mr. A. G. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to sub-section (1.) of proposed new section 6A :—“ : Provided that the sum paid to any applicant under this Act added to the sum paid under the *Wheat Bounty Act 1934* shall not exceed an amount in excess of the average amount paid per acre in that State under the *Wheat Bounty Act 1934*.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, line 4, after “ State ” insert “ that they are in adverse financial circumstances and ”.

Page 2, line 6, omit “ and hardship ”.

Page 2, at the end of the clause add the following sub-section :—

“ (3.) Any amount applied under this section by a State in providing relief to a wheat grower, shall be paid directly to that wheat grower.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

3. Section seven of the *Wheat Growers Relief Act (No. 2) 1934* is amended by Executors and trustees.
inserting at the end thereof the following proviso :—

“ Provided that nothing in this section shall affect the right of a wheat grower to receive payment direct of any amount payable to him by way of relief under section six A of this Act.”.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 140), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1935–36.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 24.

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 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-six.

Canberra, 13th March, 1935.

Mr. Casey (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That all the words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words :—

“ this House, having sat less than forty days since the general election, strongly disapproves of a recess of five months, which includes the first three months of the next financial year, thus preventing Parliament from controlling the finances of the nation, and meeting the grave economic position which recent world happenings tend to make increasingly acute ”.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 22.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiskien	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Thompson

Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
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.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiskien	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
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 foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply—put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1935–36.

Mr. Casey (Acting Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1935–36 a sum not exceeding £6,704,400.

Question put.

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

Ayes, 28.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiskien	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
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.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1935.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Casey (Acting Treasurer) 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.
13. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Acting Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
14. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

8th and 9th April, 1935.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1935-36.

Mr. Casey (Acting Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1935-36, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £6,704,400.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street	Mr. Garden	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Jennings		Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Sir Charles Marr			
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Thompson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, 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. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

15. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1935-36.—Mr. Casey (Acting Treasurer) 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-six*”, 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.

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

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Garden	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White	Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Sir Charles Marr			
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McClelland	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—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

8th and 9th April, 1935.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVIGATION BILL (1935).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend sections seven and two hundred and thirty-one of the ‘Navigation Act 1912–1934’* ”, 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.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th April, 1935.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS BILL (1935).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend sections four and thirty of the ‘Patents Act 1903–1934’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th April, 1935.

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) 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.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr. James addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Lane moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 18.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Thompson

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

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, 26.

Noes, 17.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
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Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner
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Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	
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.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. G. W. Mahoney, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Thorby.

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