

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 38.

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1935.

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

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1935 ”

“ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1935 ”

“ Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1935 ”

“ Wheat Growers Relief Act 1935 ”

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.

Government House,
Canberra, 10th April, 1935.

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

[*Port Augusta to Red Hill Railway Bill (1935)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Port Augusta to Red Hill Railway Act 1930’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 10th April, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Immigration Bill (1935)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act to amend sections five, seven and seven A of the ‘Immigration Act 1901-1933’*”.

The Senate,
Canberra, 10th April, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Soldier Settlement Loans (Financial Agreement) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to approve an agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th April, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

11th April, 1935.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1933-34*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th April, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EXPORT OF MEAT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the present stage of the negotiations concerning the export of Meat to the United Kingdom.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1933-34.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 4 of 1935—
Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.
7. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT BILL (1934).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) 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. Nairn reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. CARRIAGE BY AIR BILL.—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.*)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.
The Schedules agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. PATENTS BILL (1935).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes (Minister representing the Acting 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. Nairn reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. COPYRIGHT BILL (1935).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes (Minister representing the Acting 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.

11th April, 1935.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

11. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until five o'clock p.m. this day.
 Question—put and passed.

12. MINERAL OILS AND PETROL AND OTHER PRODUCTS OF MINERAL OILS—REPORTS (MAJORITY AND MINORITY) OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 8th April*], viz. :—

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—

be printed—

Debate resumed by Mr. Beasley, who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying His Excellency to refer the inquiry back to His Commissioners with the request that the profits made by the major oil companies be disclosed in their report, and that definite recommendations for action by His Excellency's Ministers and the Parliament be provided".

Debate continued.

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) 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.

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

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until this day at five o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Frost, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. G. W. Mahoney, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Price, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Frederick Stewart and Mr. Thorby.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.