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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 39.

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1935.

1. The House met, at five o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair.
2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SUGAR POLICY.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement replying to criticisms of the Government's sugar policy contained in certain circulars issued by the Sugar Consumers' Association.
4. PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House at the previous sitting, be printed :—  
Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1933-34.  
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT BILL (1935).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
  

<p>MR. SPEAKER,</p> <p>The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "<i>An Act to amend the 'Seat of Government Supreme Court Act 1933'</i>", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.</p> <p>The Senate, Canberra, 11th April, 1935.</p>	<p>Message No. 52.</p> <p>P. J. LYNCH, President.</p>
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6. RETIREMENT OF MR. J. H. McCawley.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the approaching retirement of Mr. J. H. McCawley, who has been associated with the Parliamentary Reporting Staff since 1901 and made reference to the esteem in which he is held by all honorable Members.  
Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), Mr. Forde (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Beasley also addressed the House in similar terms.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.  
Question—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of General Business.

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9. PRIMARY PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATION TO CONTROL MARKETING.—Mr. Bernard Corser moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that constitutional alterations be provided to permit of the organization of primary producers on an Australian basis, with complete sectional control of internal and external marketing of each primary product, such control to be exercised exclusively by the organized producers of such commodity enabling them to speak with one voice and authority in regard to any arrangement which may be deemed by them to be necessary to conserve their interests.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) 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.

10. AUSTRALIAN BANKING AND MONETARY SYSTEMS—PROPOSED ROYAL COMMISSION.—Mr. McEwen moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of the opinion that it is desirable to appoint a Royal Commission to take evidence in public and report upon—

(1) The operation of the Australian banking and monetary systems, with particular reference as to whether the Commonwealth Bank is operating in its ordinary trading activities upon as fully competitive a basis as is compatible with sound financial practice; and

(2) Whether it would be desirable to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act* to direct that the Commonwealth Bank Board, when determining the exchange rate of Australian currency with respect to sterling, should confer with the Treasurer and give consideration to the need for maintaining Australia's essential export industries.

Mr. Forde 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

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.*