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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 68.

THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1935.

1. The House met, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED.—Mr. Speaker, having informed the House of circumstances immediately before the adjournment at the previous sitting, in which the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) had deliberately disregarded the authority of the Chair, named the honorable Member for East Sydney.  
Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the honorable Member for East Sydney be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 35.

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. Fisker	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 24.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for a week, this being his second occasion of suspension, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

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. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. 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.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Sales Tax Assessment Acts—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 111.  
Wheat Bounty Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 101.
6. DISALLOWANCE OF STATUTORY RULE.—Mr. Gregory moved, pursuant to notice, That Statutory Rule No. 19 of 1935, amending the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations, be disallowed. Debate ensued. Mr. Lazzarini 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 a later hour this day.
- It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day, General Business, were called on, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.
7. WIDOWS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN—FAMILY ALLOWANCES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Curtin :—That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to establish a system of family allowances payable to widows with dependent children—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—put.

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lane	
Mr. Lyons	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson
Mr. McCall	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Baker	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. G. W. Mahoney	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

8. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT—PROPOSED REFERENDUM.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Thompson :—That a referendum be taken to secure the approval of the people of Australia to the recommendations of the Royal Commission of 1927–28 for the amendment of the Constitution—  
Debate resumed.

21st November, 1935.

Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

**Ayes, 35.**

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. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lyons	
Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. McBride	
Mr. McCall	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gardner  
Mr. Thompson

**Noes, 21.**

Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander  
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

9. PRIMARY PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATION TO CONTROL MARKETING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bernard Corser :—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 resumed.

Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

**Ayes, 33.**

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. Fiskén	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. Lyons	
Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. McCall	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gardner  
Mr. Thompson

**Noes, 22.**

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. James	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander  
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 28th instant.

10. AUSTRALIAN BANKING AND MONETARY SYSTEMS—PROPOSED ROYAL COMMISSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen :—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. McEwen asked leave to withdraw his motion.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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Mr. McEwen moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lazzarini addressing 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, 36.

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. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lane	
Mr. Lyons	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 21.

Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Lazzarini	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Order of the Day be discharged—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 36.

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. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
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Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Lazzarini	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. REFERENDUM, INITIATIVE AND RECALL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. W. Maloney :—

(1) That, in view of the following facts, namely—

- (a) that the people of Australia are overtaxed without their permission by vote ;
- (b) that the estimated wealth of Australia, public and private, is £5,000,000,000 as compared with Australia when owned by the aboriginals ;
- (c) that the people are born, live for a time, and die, without being directly benefited by such wealth ;
- (d) that the time has arrived when, to prevent Fascism and similar evils, the people should have the power of control over the Government,

it is the opinion of this House that the Referendum, Initiative and Recall should be included in the Commonwealth Constitution, and in so far as it is necessary to give to the people full powers to initiate legislation the Constitution should be amended.

(2) That, contingent upon the passing of such motion, it be an instruction to the Government of the day to bring in a Bill and take such further action as is necessary to carry into effect this resolution—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put and passed.

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Mr. W. Maloney moved, That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 12th December.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. Lyons	
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Thompson

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Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Garden	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Lazzarini rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister) 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, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lane	
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Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
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Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. 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.

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

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Earle Page
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Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. 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.

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And then the House, at sixteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. White.

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