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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 76.

FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH AND MR. J. T. PETHYBRIDGE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the details of the search made for Air-Commodore Sir Charles Kingsford Smith and his companion, Mr. J. T. Pethybridge, missing on an aeroplane flight between England and Australia, and informed the House that it must now be assumed that they have perished.
3. DEATH OF AIR-COMMODORE SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH AND MR. JOHN THOMPSON PETHYBRIDGE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House—
 

Expresses its deep regret at the loss of Air-Commodore Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, M.C., D.F.C., and Mr. John Thompson Pethybridge when the aircraft in which they were flying to Australia disappeared between Rangoon and Singapore on 8th November, 1935 ;

Places on record its high appreciation of the unique and valuable services extending over many years rendered by Sir Charles Kingsford Smith to civil aviation in Australia, not only by his many brilliant pioneer and record-breaking flights, but by his activities in connexion with the operation of regular air transport services and the maintenance of a flying training organization ;

Tenders to the widows and families of the missing airmen its profound sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained ; and

Thanks all Governments, civil organizations, officials and other persons who assisted in carrying out the comprehensive air and ground searches made for the missing airmen.

And Mr. Curtin (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 the foregoing be transmitted to those concerned together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 

Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Household Vacuum Cleaners.

Wall and Ceiling Boards.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year ended 30th June, 1935.

Ordered to be printed.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ALLEGED NEWS CABLE SERVICE MONOPOLY.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister representing the Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to allegations of a Monopoly of the News Cable Service to Australia.

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6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—KESWICK BARRACKS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to allegations of damage to property resulting from inadequate stormwater drains at Keswick Barracks, South Australia.

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

[*Wheat and Wheat Products Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 88.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Trade and Commerce with other Countries and among the States in Wheat and Wheat Products*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

[*Flour Tax Assessment Bill (1935)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 89.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Flour Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1934’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

[*Flour Tax Bill (No. 1) (1935)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 90.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Flour Tax Act (No. 1) 1934’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

[*Flour Tax Bill (No. 3) (1935)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 91.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Flour Tax Act (No. 3) 1934’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

[*Sales Tax Exemptions Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 92.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to exemptions from Sales Tax*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

[*Sales Tax (Securities and Exemptions) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 93.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend, in relation to Securities and Exemptions, Acts relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon the sale value of goods*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

[*Primary Produce Export Charges Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 94.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to impose Charges upon the Export of certain Primary Produce*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1935—

No. 21—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 22—Amalgamated Postal Workers’ Union of Australia.

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9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PORT AUGUSTA TO PORT PIRIE RAILWAY 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. 66.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of Revenue and Moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia : to provide for the Extension of the Trans-Australian Railway by the Construction of a Railway from Port Augusta to Port Pirie in the State of South Australia : and for other purposes.

Canberra, 3rd December, 1935.

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. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue and Moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia ; to provide for the Extension of the Trans-Australian Railway by the Construction of a Railway from Port Augusta to Port Pirie in the State of South Australia ; and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages of the Bill to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, was adopted by the House.

10. PORT AUGUSTA TO PORT PIRIE RAILWAY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TASMANIA GRANT (FLOUR TAX) 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. 67.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Canberra, 5th December, 1935.

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 (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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.

6th December, 1935.

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. Thomas Paterson 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.

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

12. WHALING BILL.—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.*)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 3, line 17, after "whales" insert "or the ship is duly authorized by the Government of the country whose flag she flies to engage in taking, killing or treating whales".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 20 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

13. NEW GUINEA BILL (1935).—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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.

15. PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS BILL (1935).—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.

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.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At half-past three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At thirteen minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

6th December, 1935.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 96.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924-1934 ' and for other purposes* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 4, lines 21-24, leave out sub-clause (5).

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 4, line 25, after " paragraphs " insert the letter and symbols " (b),".

No. 3.—Page 3, clause 4, line 32, after " paragraphs " insert the letter and symbols " (b),".

No. 4.—Page 4, clause 4, line 3, after " paragraphs " insert the letter and symbols " (b),".

Amendments agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hunter (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report.

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

[*Primary Produce Export Organization Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act relating to the Export of Primary Produce and for other purposes* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

[*Whaling Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for " *An Act relating to Whaling* ".

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

[*Port Augusta to Port Pirie Railway Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 99.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia ; to provide for the Extension of the Trans-Australian Railway by the Construction of a Railway from Port Augusta to Port Pirie in the State of South Australia ; and for other purposes* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

[*Tasmania Grant (Flour Tax) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 100.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 6th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

18. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (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.

Question—put and passed.

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19. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to contingent 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.
20. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ITALO-ABYSSINIAN DISPUTE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the record of the application of Sanctions by the League of Nations against Italy.
21. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ALLEGED ILL-TREATMENT OF ABORIGINES.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to allegations of Ill-treatment of Aborigines in the Northern Territory.
22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to 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.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Barnard, Mr. Clark, Mr. Frost, Mr. Albert Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. James, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. G. W. Mahoney, Mr. Makin, Mr. Martens, Mr. McBride, Mr. Perkins\*, Mr. Riordan, and Mr. Thorby.

\* On leave.

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