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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 78.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1936.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 68.

Proposed Laws intituled—

- “ *Meat Export Control Act 1935* ”
 “ *Meat Export Charges Act 1935* ”
 “ *War Service Homes Act 1935* ”
 “ *Wheat Growers Relief Act (No. 2) 1935* ”
 “ *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1935* ”
 “ *Financial Relief Act (No. 2) 1935* ”
 “ *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation 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, 6th December, 1935.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 69.

Proposed Laws intituled—

- “ *Sugar Agreement Act 1935* ”
 “ *Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935* ”
 “ *Sales Tax (Securities and Exemptions) 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, 7th December, 1935.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 70.

Proposed Laws intituled—

- “ *Whaling Act 1935* ”
 “ *New Guinea Act 1935* ”
 “ *Parliamentary Papers 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, 9th December, 1935.

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ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 71.

Proposed Laws intituled—

- “Wheat and Wheat Products Act 1935”
 “Flour Tax Assessment Act 1935”
 “Flour Tax Act (No. 1) 1935”
 “Flour Tax Act (No. 3) 1935”
 “Primary Produce Export Charges Act 1935”
 “Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1935”
 “Primary Produce Export Organization Act 1935”
 “Port Augusta to Port Pirie Railway Act 1935”
 “Tasmania Grant (Flour Tax) 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, 9th December, 1935.

3. **DEATH OF LORD FORSTER.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House records its profound regret at the death of the Right Honorable Lord Forster, P.C., G.C.M.G., a former Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and expresses its deep sympathy with Lady Forster and family in their bereavement.
 And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
 Question—passed.
 Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Lady Forster the foregoing Resolution, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
4. **DEATH OF AIR-COMMODORE SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH AND MR. JOHN THOMPSON PETHYBRIDGE.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received letters from Lady Kingsford Smith, Mrs. Kingsford Smith and Mrs. M. Pethybridge, thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy, and that he had also received letters acknowledging the receipt of copies of the Resolution of the House, passed on the 6th December last, from the Managing Director, Qantas Empire Airways Limited; the Manager, Straits Steamship Company Limited; His Majesty's British Minister at Bangkok; and Air-Commodore Sydney W. Smith, Royal Air Force, Singapore.
 Mr. Speaker read to the House the following extracts from Air-Commodore Sydney W. Smith's letter:—
 “I would also request you to state that I am greatly impressed by the marks of appreciation shown by both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament for the efforts of the personnel under my command in their attempts to locate the missing airmen. I can but assure you that our endeavours were inspired by a wholehearted spirit of admiration for the achievements of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith as an airman, and a realization of the value of his services in the development of aviation throughout the world.
 In accordance with the desire expressed in your letter I have conveyed the thanks of your Parliament to all those of my officers and airmen who assisted in the search operations.”
5. **THE LATE MR. W. N. HEDGES AND THE LATE MR. D. STORRER.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received letters from the relatives of the late Mr. Hedges and of the late Mr. Storrer, thanking the House for its Resolutions of sympathy.
6. **STATEMENT BY MEMBER—NEW SOUTH WALES LABOUR PARTY.**—Mr. Beasley, by leave, made a Statement informing the House that the New South Wales Labour Party had joined the official Opposition, under the leadership of Mr. Curtin.
7. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, as at 31st December, 1935; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 17.
 Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 136.
 Bankruptcy Act—Rules Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 122.
 Census and Statistics Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 126.
 Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act and Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 131, 132.
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 25.
 Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Rules of Court Amended—Dated 20th December, 1935—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 4.
 Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 18.
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 123.
 Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 1, 15, 16, 21.
 Flour Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 10.
 Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 128.
 Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 127.

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- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
 Darwin, Northern Territory—For Defence purposes.
 Hillston, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Mascot, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 Queenscliff, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
- Meat Export Control Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 7, 11, 12.
- Nationality Act—Return for 1935.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—
 Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 133, 135.
 Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 2, 9.
- Navigation Act—Report of cases in which the Governor-General, during 1935, granted dispensations under Section 422A.
- Norfolk Island Act
 Ordinances of 1936
 No. 1—Sanctions (Exports and Imports).
 No. 2—Bean Seed Export Control.
 Timber Licences Ordinance—Regulations.
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1935—
 No. 21—Crown Lands (No. 3).
 No. 22—Instruments.
 No. 23—Registration.
 Business Names Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
- Papua Act—
 Ordinances of 1935—
 No. 2—Quarantine.
 No. 3—Marriage.
 No. 4—Criminal Code Amendment.
 No. 5—Rubber Growers Assistance.
 No. 6—Native Emigration Restriction.
 No. 7—Gold Buyers.
 No. 8—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) 1934–35.
 No. 9—Printers and Newspapers.
 No. 10—Transactions with Natives.
 No. 11—Liquor.
 No. 12—Appropriation 1935–36.
 No. 13—Immigration Restriction.
 No. 14—Land.
 No. 15—Arms, Liquor and Opium Prohibition.
 No. 16—Real Property.
 No. 17—Superannuation.
 No. 18—Mining.
- Ordinances of 1936—
 No. 1—Mineral Oil and Coal.
 No. 2—Mining (No. 2) 1935.
- Primary Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 129.
- Primary Produce Export Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 130.
- Primary Producers Relief Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 8.
- Public Service Act—
 Appointments—
 F. Lloyd, R. McLeod, Department of the Interior.
 R. B. Postle, Department of Commerce.
 A. Smithies, Department of the Treasury.
 Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 5, 6.
- Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 22.
- Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 124.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 13.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1935—
 No. 19—Racecourses.
 No. 20—Dentists Registration.
 No. 21—Advisory Council (No. 2).
 No. 22—Motor Traffic.
- Ordinances of 1936—
 No. 1—Instruments.
 No. 2—Trustee.
 No. 3—Leases (Special Purposes).
 No. 4—Stock.
 No. 5—Nurses Registration.
 No. 6—Juvenile Offenders (Detention) Agreement.
 No. 7—Noxious Weeds.
 Building and Services Ordinance (Canberra Electric Supply)—Regulations Amended.
- Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Balance-sheet and Liquidation Account as at 28th February, 1935, with Auditor-General's Certificates.
- Transport Workers Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 125.
- War Service Homes Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 134.

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8. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.**—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having asked leave of the House to move a Want of Confidence Motion, without notice, Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Leader of the Opposition to move a motion without notice, and that such motion take precedence of all other Business until disposed of.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

9. **WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.**—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) thereupon moved, That the Government is deserving of censure for :—

(a) Failing to take action to safeguard Australia's oversea funds by checking the increasing flow of unnecessary imports, thus leaving it to the Commonwealth Bank Board exclusively to direct national monetary policy in a manner gravely affecting the economic conditions of Australia.

(b) Disclaiming all responsibility for the course now taken which prejudices the employment of the people and increases the difficulties of trade and commerce generally.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Baker addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. A. G. Cameron 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. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Menzies, and Mr. Earle Page.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.