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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 109.

FRIDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1936.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—TRADE DIVERSION.—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the results of the Government's recent policy of Trade Diversion.  
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), and Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute -  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1936 -  
No. 11.—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union; and Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association.  
No. 12.—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.  
No. 13.—Arms, Explosives and Mmunition Workers' Federation of Australia.  
No. 14.—Arms, Explosives and Mmunition Workers' Federation of Australia; Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.  
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 121.  
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 116.
5. WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1936).—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Assessment Act 1936*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Thorby 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL (1936).—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935*.  
Question—put and passed.
7. LOAN APPROPRIATION BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time -  
Debate resumed.  
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. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 639), the Bill was read a third time.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. WAYS AND MEANS.—SALES TAX (1936).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved the following motions—

- (1) That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1931*, as affected by section nineteen of the *Financial Relief Act 1933*, there be imposed sales tax at the rate of four per centum upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia by a taxpayer, which on or after the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, are sold by him or treated by him as stock for sale by retail or applied to his own use.

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- (2) That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1931*, as affected by section nineteen of the *Financial Relief Act 1933*, there be imposed sales tax at the rate of four per centum upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia and, on or after the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, sold by a taxpayer who purchased them from the manufacturer.
- (3) That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1931*, as affected by section nineteen of the *Financial Relief Act 1933*, there be imposed sales tax at the rate of four per centum upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia and, on or after the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, sold by a taxpayer not being either the manufacturer of those goods or a purchaser of those goods from the manufacturer.
- (4) That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1931*, as affected by section nineteen of the *Financial Relief Act 1933*, there be imposed sales tax at the rate of four per centum upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia and, on or after the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, sold to a taxpayer who has applied those goods to his own use.
- (5) That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1931*, as affected by section nineteen of the *Financial Relief Act 1933*, there be imposed sales tax at the rate of four per centum upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia by a taxpayer on or after the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.
- (6) That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1932*, as affected by section nineteen of the *Financial Relief Act 1933*, there be imposed sales tax at the rate of four per centum upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia by a taxpayer and, on or after the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, sold by him or applied by him to his own use.
- (7) That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1931*, as affected by section nineteen of the *Financial Relief Act 1933*, there be imposed sales tax at the rate of four per centum upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia and, on or after the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, sold by a taxpayer not being the importer of the goods.
- (8) That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1931*, as affected by section nineteen of the *Financial Relief Act 1933*, there be imposed sales tax at the rate of four per centum upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia and sold to a taxpayer who has, on or after the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, applied those goods to his own use.
- (9) That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1935*, as affected by section nineteen of the *Financial Relief Act 1933*, there be imposed sales tax at the rate of four per centum upon the sale value of goods in Australia, including goods which have gone into use or consumption in Australia, leased on or after the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, by a taxpayer to a lessee.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Sir Henry Gullett do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

10. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.**—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the introduction, first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

11. **SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) (1936).**—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) then brought up the following Bills:—

- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1931";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1931";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1931";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1931";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1931";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1932";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1931";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1931";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1935";*

and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a first time.

Mr. Casey moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

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12. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances . . . . . £7,900

be agreed to,

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) addressing the Committee and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257 B—Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (NO. 2) (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 133.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend laws relating to Financial Emergency, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
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P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 99.*

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 a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia.

Canberra,  
1st September, 1936.

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 a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia.

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.

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. Thorby 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 100.*

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 a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia.

Canberra,  
1st September, 1936.

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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 a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia.

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.

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. Thorby 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 101.*

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 a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Canberra,

1st September, 1936.

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 a sum 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.

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. Thorby 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Martens, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Riordan, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

E. W. PARKES,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*