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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 113.

TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 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. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, withdrew Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, standing in his name, regarding alleged avoidance of taxation by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—TRADE WITH JAPAN.—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to Trade Negotiations with Japan.  
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Spectacle Cases and Spectacle Cases in the rough.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
British War Cemeteries—Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa and of India and the Government of Iraq regarding British War Cemeteries, &c. in Iraq.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission for year 1935-36, together with Statements and Balance-sheet.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. 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:—  
GOWRIE,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 108.*  
A Proposed Law intituled " *Loan Appropriation Act 1936* " 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 Law.  
Admiralty House,  
North Sydney, 26th September, 1936.  
GOWRIE,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 109.*  
A Proposed Law intituled " *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1936-37* " 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 Law.  
Admiralty House,  
North Sydney, 26th September, 1936.
6. THE LATE HONORABLE SIR ALBERT GOULD.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mr. A. C. Gould, son of the late Sir Albert Gould, a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1936, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 130.  
High Court Procedure Act and Judiciary Act—Rules of Court Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 129.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 131.  
Petroleum Oil Search Act—Statement of expenditure during year 1935-36.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances of 1936—  
No. 37—Land Valuation (No. 2).  
No. 39—Insane Persons and Inebriates (Committal and Detention) Agreement.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—APPLE AND PEAR BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 110.*

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 amend the *Apple and Pear Bounty Act 1936*.

Canberra, 23rd 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. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Bounty Act 1936*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thorby and Mr. Menzies do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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.

Mr. Thorby moved, That the Bill 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.

9. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 3—

Amendment previously moved by Mr. A. G. Cameron temporarily withdrawn, by leave.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 34, after "includes" insert "the following goods for use, by a manufacturer, as specified in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) of this definition, namely"

Amendment previously moved by Mr. A. G. Cameron and temporarily withdrawn, viz. :—

That after "timber" (page 3, line 5) the following words be added :—"or for use by local governing bodies"

was again moved.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Garden	Mr. Ward
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. George Lawson

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard-Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holt	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson
Mr. McClelland	

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Forde moved, as a further amendment, That after paragraph (m) the following paragraphs be inserted :

- “(ma) by omitting from sub-item (3) of item 23 the words ‘, but not including biscuits unless covered by any other item or sub-item in this Schedule’ ;
- “(mb) by omitting from sub-item (4) of item 23 the words ‘milk arrowroot biscuits, baby rice biscuits and shortbread’ and inserting in their stead the word ‘and’ ;”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the paragraphs proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin	Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Garden		Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holloway	Tellers:	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Holt	Mr. White
		Mr. Hughes	
		Mr. Hunter	Tellers:
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Holloway moved, as a further amendment, That after paragraph (p) the following new paragraph be inserted :—

- “(pa) by inserting in item 30, after sub-item (5), the following sub-item :—
- “(6) Macaroni, vermicelli and spaghetti . . . Nos. 1 to 9 ;”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Garden		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Albert Green		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Holloway	Tellers:	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
		Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
		Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
		Mr. Hunter	
		Mr. Jennings	Tellers:
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Progress 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.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REFORM OF COVENANT OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the suggestions made by the Commonwealth Government for Reform to the Covenant of the League of Nations, to be placed before the present Assembly of the League by the Australian delegation.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.

11. MENZIES (ATTORNEY-GENERAL)—SUGGESTIONS FOR COVENANT REFORM—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :

League of Nations—Suggestions for Covenant Reform for submission by Australian Delegation to the present Assembly of the League, and moved, That the Paper be printed.

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. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 3 further considered—

Mr. Forde moved, as a further amendment, That at the end of paragraph (ab) the following new item be added :—

“ 77A. Machinery, implements, and apparatus for use by municipal corporations, or other local governing bodies, or by public authorities } Nos. 1 to 9 ; ”.

Debate continued.

Mr. John Lawson moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the words “, or by public authorities ” be omitted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.  
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Garden		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Albert Green		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
		Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
		Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
		Mr. Jennings	
		Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin	Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride	Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Garden	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander	Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. John Lawson		Mr. Jennings	
		Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the following further amendments were made :—

Page 8, lines 1 and 2, omit—

“ (not being goods specified in paragraph (h) of the definition of aids to manufacture) ”,  
insert—

“ (including goods specified in paragraph (g) of the definition of aids to manufacture but not otherwise including goods specified in paragraph (h) of that definition) ”.

Page 8, lines 20 and 21, omit—

“ (not being goods specified in paragraph (h) of the definition of aids to manufacture) ”,  
insert—

“ (including goods specified in paragraph (g) of the definition of aids to manufacture but not otherwise including goods specified in paragraph (h) of that definition) ”.

Page 8, lines 30 and 31, omit—

“ as aids to manufacture (as defined by regulations made under the Sales Tax Assessment Acts) ”,

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insert

“ as

(a) aids to manufacture ; or

(b) in the processing or treatment of goods to be used by him as aids to manufacture or in the cleansing or sterilizing of bottles, vats or other containers for use in the storage of goods to be used by him as aids to manufacture

For the purposes of this item, ‘ aids to manufacture ’ means aids to manufacture as defined by Regulations made under the Sales Tax Assessment Acts ”.

Mr. Garden moved, as a further amendment, That the following item be added to the clause : -  
“ 131. Perambulators .. .. . | Nos. 1 to 9 ”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Makin moved, as a further amendment, That the following item be added to the clause : -  
“ 131. Photographs .. .. . | Nos. 1 to 9 ”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Forde moved, as a further amendment, That the following item be added to the clause : -  
“ 131. Machinery, implements and apparatus for use in the repair or | Nos. 1 to 9 ”.  
maintenance of goods covered by item 14 in this Schedule ..

Debate continued.

Question That the item proposed to be added be so added put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair) -

Ayes, 21.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander  
Mr. George Lawson

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	
Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. McBride	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner  
Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill : -

“ 1A. This Act shall be deemed to have commenced on the twenty-sixth commencement day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.”.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.- Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question -put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven 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. Baker, Mr. Blain, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Nock, Sir Archdale Parkhill, and Mr. Riordan.

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