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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 129.

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1936.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Artificial Flowers, Fruits, Plants, Leaves, and Grains, of all kinds and materials.
Cartridges n.e.i. ; Felt Wads for Cartridges ; Cartridge Cases ; Percussion Caps.
Photographic and X-Ray Plates, Films and Materials, Sensitized Blue Print and Heliographic Papers and Fabrics, &c.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
High Commissioner for Australia in London—Report for 1935.
Ordered to lie on the table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Orange Bounty Act (1936)—Report on working of the Act, together with return showing amount of bounty paid.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CONSOLIDATED CUSTOMS TARIFF.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the issue of copies of a consolidated Customs Tariff.
4. INCIDENT IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY—STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The Chairman of Committees (Mr. Prowse), by leave, made a Statement regarding a certain incident yesterday in the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Ward, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
5. KENNEDY BY-ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Kennedy Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on the 22nd October last.
6. THE LATE HONORABLE WILLIAM WEBSTER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Webster a letter thanking the House for its Résolution of sympathy.
7. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Price
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lane	Mr. White
Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. McBride	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 21.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Roseyear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1936-37.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"The Department of External Affairs, £12,670"—debated—

Limitation of Debate.—At twenty-seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

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

Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £778,580"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department, £194,720"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Interior, £431,710"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Defence, £5,713,290"—debated—

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. 257B—

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

Debate continued.

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

Mr. Rosevear moved, That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 16.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. James
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. George Lawson

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Inclusion of Member's Name in Division List.—Mr. Frost made a personal explanation that while the Division Bells were ringing he tried to enter the Chamber and found the door by which he sought to enter locked.

The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Makin) stated that, in view of the circumstances and with the concurrence of the Committee, he would include the name of Mr. Frost in the official record.

Debate on Vote continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

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

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £596,520"—

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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Casey, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. G. W. Mahoney, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Menzies, and Mr. Street.

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