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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1937.

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. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Forde raised a question of Privilege that the privileges of Members in regard to freedom of speech were threatened if proposals alleged to have been made by the Right Honorable the Attorney-General (Mr. Menzies) in a statement made by him, were given effect to, and moved, That this House affirms its adherence to the principle that freedom of speech in debates in Parliament is essential to a free legislature and a free people, and in no circumstances should there be liability to impeachment in any Court or place out of Parliament.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was not in order for the reason that it dealt with existing privileges and not with any breach of Privilege. Mr. Speaker stated that it was not always necessary to move a motion in connexion with a question of Privilege, and that he would allow discussion to proceed so as to enable the Chair to determine whether a breach of Privilege existed.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Speaker ruled that no breach of Privilege had been disclosed, and, as no motion was before the House, further discussion would be irregular.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.—Mr. Menzies (Minister representing the Minister for External Affairs); by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing recent happenings in connexion with the international situation.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 96.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Richmond, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
5. STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Beasley asked leave to make a Statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
6. AUSTRALIAN WOOL BOARD—REPORT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—  
Australian Wool Board—First Annual Report, dated 31st July, 1937—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Question—put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 17.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Nock	Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Sir Archdale Parkhill	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Rosevear
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Holt	Mr. Price	Mr. Forde	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lane	Mr. Street	Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Lyons	Mr. White		
Sir Charles Marr			
Mr. McCall			
Mr. McClelland	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Nairn	Mr. McEwen		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

[*Income Tax Bill (1937)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 10th September, 1937.

BURFORD SAMPSON,  
Deputy-President.

[*Post Office Works Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One million pounds for the purpose of Post Office Works*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 10th September, 1937.

BURFORD SAMPSON,  
Deputy-President.

[*Repatriation Fund (Baillieu Gift) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to vary the Trusts upon which the Baillieu Gift to the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund is held, to provide for the Distribution of that Gift, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 10th September, 1937.

BURFORD SAMPSON,  
Deputy-President.

8. 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. 23.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1937-38*"

"*Post Office Works Act 1937*"

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, 11th September, 1937.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

Message No. 24.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Income Tax Act 1937*"

"*Repatriation Fund (Baillieu Gift) Act 1937*"

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, 13th September, 1937.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6.
10. NATIONAL OIL PROPRIETARY LIMITED AGREEMENT BILL.—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.

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Bill be withdrawn, with the object of having the Agreement reconsidered so as to eliminate the possibility of foreign control or influence by amending paragraph 23 and to eliminate paragraphs 13 and 24 and of having the Bill with the amended Agreement redrafted and resubmitted in such a form as to make provision for a Board of Control in accordance with the recommendations of the Newnes Investigation Committee of 1934, which recommended a Board to consist of a Chairman and four other Directors, one Director to be nominated by the Commonwealth, one by the New South Wales State Government, and two by preference shareholders. The Chairman to be nominated by the Commonwealth and State Governments conjointly".

Debate continued.

Mr. Blain addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—GENERAL ELECTIONS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that it was proposed to recommend to His Excellency the Governor-General that a dissolution of the House be granted with a view to the holding of the General Elections on 23rd October next. Mr. Lyons also announced the proposed dates in connexion with the General Elections.
12. NATIONAL OIL PROPRIETARY LIMITED AGREEMENT BILL.—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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Beasley, viz. :—*That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill be withdrawn, with the object of having the Agreement reconsidered so as to eliminate the possibility of foreign control or influence by amending paragraph 23 and to eliminate paragraphs 13 and 24 and of having the Bill with the amended Agreement redrafted and resubmitted in such a form as to make provision for a Board of Control in accordance with the recommendations of the Newnes Investigation Committee of 1934, which recommended a Board to consist of a Chairman and four other Directors, one Director to be nominated by the Commonwealth, one by the New South Wales State Government, and two by preference shareholders. The Chairman to be nominated by the Commonwealth and State Governments conjointly”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Holt	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Lane	Mr. Street
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Thorby
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. White
Mr. McCall	
Mr. McClelland	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 22.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Price
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Holt	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hunter	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thorby
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. White
Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. McCall	
Mr. McClelland	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 23.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Price
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Prowse
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. G. W. Mahoney	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NATIONAL OIL PROPRIETARY LIMITED AGREEMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 25.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 an amendment to be moved by the Minister

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for Defence in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part, the State of New South Wales of the Second Part, and National Oil Proprietary Limited of the Third Part, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 26th August, 1937.

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.*)

Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by the Minister for Defence in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part, the State of New South Wales of the Second Part, and National Oil Proprietary Limited of the Third Part, and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McEwen
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Archdale Parkhill	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Holt	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hunter	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street	Mr. Frost	
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Garden	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. White	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr		Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. McCall	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Thompson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Sir Archdale Parkhill, by leave, was adopted by the House.

14. NATIONAL OIL PROPRIETARY LIMITED AGREEMENT BILL.—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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and postponed.

Clauses 4 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, as an amendment, That the words “the sum of three hundred and thirty-four thousand pounds for the purpose of meeting the liabilities of the Commonwealth arising under” (lines 35–37) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words “such sums as are necessary for the purpose of meeting the liabilities of the Commonwealth arising under or out of” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock	Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Barnard	Mr. McEwen
Sir Henry Gullett	Sir Archdale Parkhill	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Nairn
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Price
Mr. Holt	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hunter	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Forde	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. White	Mr. Frost	
Sir Charles Marr		Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McCall	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Gardner	Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Thompson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Postponed clause 3 debated and agreed to.  
 Schedule agreed to.  
 Preamble agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Sir Archdale Parkhill (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 71), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. SUPERANNUATION BILL (1937).—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.*)

Clause 1—  
 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.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION BILL (1937).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 26.*

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 *Superannuation Act 1922-1934*.

Canberra, 7th September, 1937.

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. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1934*.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.  
 The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Menzies, by leave, was adopted by the House.

17. SUPERANNUATION BILL (1937).—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.*)

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 (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) (1937).—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.

19. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1937).—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.

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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.

20. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL (1937).—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.

21. SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH BILL (1937).—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.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (FERTILIZER) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 27.*

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 provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the making of Payments to Primary Producers, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 26th August, 1937.

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 provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the making of Payments to Primary Producers, and for other purposes.

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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.  
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.  
 Clause 7 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 8 to 10 agreed to.  
 Preamble agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Thorby, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

23. DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BILL (1937).—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.)*

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.  
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.  
 Preamble agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 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 95). the Bill was read a third time.

24. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. White, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

25. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. White, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

26. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. White, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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27. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. White, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

28. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BOUNTIES BILL (1937).—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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 97) the Bill was read a third time.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1937.

29. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—APPLE AND PEAR BOUNTY BILL (1937).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 28.*

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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Apples and Pears from the Commonwealth.

Canberra, 26th August, 1937.

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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Apples and Pears from the Commonwealth.

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.

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

30. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 29.*

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 States.

Sydney, 24th August, 1937.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States.

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. Earle Page 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.

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

31. CITRUS FRUITS BOUNTY BILL.—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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 73), the Bill was read a third time.

32. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) 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.

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Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

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

33. DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL (1937).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) 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. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

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

34. 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 eleven minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. E. J. Harrison, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. McBride, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. William Riordan, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Ward.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*