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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 69.

FRIDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1938.

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. PETITION.—Mr. Barnard presented a Petition from certain electors of Bass, praying that the *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act* be repealed or a referendum of the people affected be taken before the Act is brought into operation.  
Petition received and read.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Greece—Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters—Convention between United Kingdom and Greece (London, 27th February, 1936).  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 110.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WHEAT INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 54.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Assistance to the Wheat Industry, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd December, 1938, a.m.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

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

[*Flour Tax (Wheat Industry Assistance) Assessment Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 55.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Wheat and Flour and upon certain Goods in the Manufacture of which Flour is used, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd December, 1938, a.m.

[*Flour Tax Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Flour manufactured in Australia by any Person and sold by him or used by him in the Manufacture of Goods other than Flour*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd December, 1938, a.m.

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[*Flour Tax (Stocks) Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 57.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Flour held in Stock on the Fifth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, by any Person, not being the Manufacturer of that Flour*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd December, 1938, a.m.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Flour Tax (Imports and Exports) Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 58.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Flour and certain Goods imported into Australia and upon Wheat exported from Australia*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd December, 1938.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Wheat Tax Bill 1938*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Wheat grown in Australia and sold to a Wheat Merchant*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd December, 1938.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

Message No. 55.

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 the acceptance of a certain amendment made by the Senate in a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Assistance to the Wheat Industry, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 2nd December, 1938.

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 Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of the acceptance of a certain amendment made by the Senate in a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Assistance to the Wheat Industry, and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

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 Sir Earle Page, by leave, was adopted by the House.

8. WHEAT INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1938.—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—

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

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 4, clause 7, after sub-clause (5.) add the following sub-clause :—

"(6.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding sub-section, the Minister may, after advice from the State Minister, approve of the whole or any part of any amount paid to a State under sub-section (2.) of this section being applied in the provision of relief to distressed wheat growers in that State in accordance with such method of distribution as is decided by the Minister after advice from the State Minister."

Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 46.		Noes, 8.
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mahoney	Mr. Lane
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Price
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. White
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Casey	Sir Earle Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Holt
Mr. Collins	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rankin	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scully	
Mr. Francis	Mr. Sheehan	
Mr. Frost	Mr. Street	
Mr. Gander	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Green	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wilson	
Mr. Harrison		
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Nock	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Sir Earle Page, the House adopted the Report.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1937 '*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd December, 1938.

Mr. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Cameron moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Blackburn 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1933 ', and for other purposes "*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd December, 1938.

Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1933 ', and for other purposes "*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd December, 1938.

2nd December, 1938.

Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

12. NEWSPRINTING PAPER BOUNTY BILL 1938.—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. Barnard 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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 56.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Appropriation Act 1938-39*" 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.

Government House,

Canberra, 1st December, 1938.

14. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 28 of 1938—  
Australian Third Division Telegraphists' and Postal Clerks' Union.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of G. G. Jewkes, Department of the Treasury.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Martens, Mr. McCall, Mr. Spender, Mr. Stacey, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Thorby, and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*