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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 70.

TUESDAY, 6TH 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 57.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *Flour Tax (Wheat Industry Assistance) Assessment Act 1938* "
- " *Flour Tax Act 1938* "
- " *Flour Tax (Stocks) Act 1938* "
- " *Flour Tax (Imports and Exports) Act 1938* "
- " *Wheat Tax Act 1938* "
- " *Wheat Industry Assistance Act 1938* "

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, 2nd December, 1938.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Meat Export Control Act—Third Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1937-38, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Northern Australian Survey Act—Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia—Report of Committee, for period ended 30th June, 1938.

Ordered to be printed.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1938—

- No. 10—Public Service (No. 2).
- No. 11—Appropriation (No. 3) 1937-1938.
- No. 12—District Courts.
- No. 13—Explosives.
- No. 14—Education.
- No. 15—Electric Light and Power.
- No. 16—Companies.
- No. 17—Gold Buyers.
- No. 18—Immigration.
- No. 19—Commerce (Trade Descriptions).
- No. 20—Medical.
- No. 21—Legal Practitioners.
- No. 22—Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement).
- No. 23—Administrator's Powers.
- No. 24—Succession Duties.
- No. 25—Native Administration
- No. 26—Motor Traffic.
- No. 27—Sheriff.
- No. 28—Supreme Court Assessors.
- No. 29—Quarantine.
- No. 30—Petroleum Storage.
- No. 31—Public Health.
- No. 32—Prisons.
- No. 33—Natives Taxes.
- No. 34—Superannuation (No. 2).
- No. 35—Currency Coinage and Tokens.
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- No. 37—Liquor.
 No. 38—Police Offences.
 No. 39—Wills.
 No. 40—Roads Maintenance.
 No. 41—Stamp Duties.
 No. 42—Appropriation 1938-1939.
 No. 44—Salamaua to Wau Road Loan.
 No. 45—Customs Tariff.
 No. 46—Aerial Tramways.
 No. 47—Native Labour (No. 2).
 No. 48—Fisheries.
 No. 49—Lands Registration.
 No. 50—Miners' Homestead Leases.
 No. 51—Uncontrolled Areas.
4. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL 1938 [No. 2].—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 7th October, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935-1936'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Casey moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Brennan 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.
5. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
 Mr. Casey (Treasurer) 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.
6. 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.
 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 to 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs), the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 40, after "(b)" insert " , and subject to conditions designed to give effect to paragraph (c),".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 16 to 24 agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

" 21A.—(1.) The Minister may make application to the Chief Judge, or a Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or to any Commonwealth authority established for the purpose of determining rates of wages and conditions of employment, for a declaration as to what rates of wages and conditions of employment are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of paper or in the growing, felling and carting of timber from which paper has been produced.

(2.) Every person who claims the bounty payable under this Act shall, in making such claims, furnish to the Minister such evidence as the Minister requires as to the rates of wages paid, and the conditions of employment observed, in respect of any labour employed in the production of paper and in the growing, felling and carting of timber from which paper has been produced.

(3.) If the Minister finds that the rates of wages or conditions of employment, or any of them, paid or observed in respect of any labour employed in the production of paper upon which bounty is claimed or in the growing, felling and carting of timber from which paper has been produced—

(a) are below the rates and conditions declared, in pursuance of sub-section (1.) of this section, to be fair and reasonable ; or

(b) are below the standard rates and conditions prescribed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or by any other industrial authority of the Commonwealth or a State,

the Minister may withhold the whole or any part of the bounty payable.

(4.) If—

(a) the Chief Judge, or a Judge, of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration has not declared, in accordance with sub-section (1.) of this section, what rates of wages and conditions of employment are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of paper or in the growing, felling and carting of timber from which paper has been produced ; and

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- (b) there are not in force, in the locality where the paper is produced or the timber is grown, any standard rates and conditions relating to the labour employed in the production of paper or the growing felling and carting of timber from which paper has been produced, prescribed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration or by any industrial authority of a State, or contained in an industrial agreement registered under any law of the Commonwealth or a State,

the Minister may appoint an authority or authorities for determining, for the purposes of this section, rates of wages, and conditions of employment which are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of paper or the growing, felling and carting of timber from which paper has been produced, and any authority so appointed shall be deemed to be a Commonwealth authority within the meaning of sub-section (1.) of this section.

(5.) An authority appointed by the Minister under the last preceding sub-section shall consist of a representative of employers engaged in the production of paper or the growing, felling and the carting of timber from which paper has been produced, a representative of employees engaged in such production, growing, felling and carting, and a person who shall act as Chairman and who shall be appointed by the Minister on the joint nomination of the representatives of employers and employees :

Provided that, if the representatives of employers and employees fail to make a joint nomination of a Chairman within twenty days after being called upon by the Minister so to do, the Governor-General may appoint a person to act as Chairman."

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 256), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[*See* proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 17th November, 1938 (pages 256-7).] Item agreed to.

Preliminary paragraphs—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs), the preliminary paragraphs were omitted and the following preliminary paragraph inserted in place thereof :—

"That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1938 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the eighteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1938 as so amended."

Resolution 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. Perkins moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Perkins, was adopted by the House.

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

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1938.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intitled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Perkins 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Perkins, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

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9. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 21st September, 1938 (pages 191-2).] Items agreed to.

Preliminary paragraph—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs), the preliminary paragraph was omitted and the following preliminary paragraph inserted in place thereof:—

“That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1938 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1938 as so amended.”

Resolution 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. Perkins moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Perkins, was adopted by the House.

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

10. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1938.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

11. WAYS AND MEANS [EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Excise Tariff Amendment of the 21st September, 1938 (page 192).]

Item agreed to.

Preliminary paragraph—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs), the preliminary paragraph was omitted and the following preliminary paragraph inserted in place thereof:—

“That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1938 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1938 as so amended.”

Resolution 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. Perkins moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Perkins, was adopted by the House.

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

12. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1938.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise*”; and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

13. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having read been 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. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.

15. APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1938.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments 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 Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 7, clause 14, lines 36–37, leave out “ giving effect to any determination made by the Board under sub-section (1.) of this section,” insert “ enabling the Board effectively to control the export of Australian apples and pears,”.

No. 2.—Page 7, clause 14, line 43, after the symbol “ (b) ” insert “ except ”.

On the motion of Mr. Cameron (Postmaster-General), the Amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Cameron, the House adopted the Report.

16. TRADE AGREEMENT (SWITZERLAND) 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.

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. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs); the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 5)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 30th November, 1938 (pages 281–5).]
Items debated and agreed to.

Preliminary paragraphs—

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs), the preliminary paragraphs were omitted and the following preliminary paragraph inserted in place thereof :—

“ That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1938 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1938 as so amended.”.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Perkins moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Perkins, was adopted by the House.

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

18. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 4) 1938.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

19. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) 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. Casey, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 222), the Bill was read a third time.

20. WAYS AND MEANS—APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT CHARGES.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved—

1. That, subject to a lower rate being prescribed by regulations made under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, charges shall be imposed on all apples and pears exported from the Commonwealth after the commencement of that Act, at the rate of Three farthings for each case, two half-cases or three trays of apples or pears exported.

2. That the Governor-General may, from time to time, by order published in the *Gazette*, after report to the Minister by the Australian Apple and Pear Board constituted under the *Apple and Pear Organization Act 1938*, exempt any apples or pears from the charges imposed by or under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution.

3. That any such exemption may be unconditional or subject to such conditions as are specified in the order of exemption, and shall apply in respect of such period (if any) as is so specified.

4. That the Governor-General may, by order published in the *Gazette*, cancel any such exemption.

5. That where the Governor-General has, by order published in the *Gazette*, cancelled any such exemption, or where the period in respect of which any such exemption applies has expired, the charges imposed by the Act passed to give effect to this resolution shall, from the date fixed by the order, or from the expiration of the period of exemption, as the case may be, become payable in respect of the apples or pears to which the exemption related.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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. Thompson moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thompson, was adopted by the House.

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

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21. APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1938.—Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to impose Charges upon the Export of Apples and Pears*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Thompson 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

22. PRIMARY PRODUCE EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thompson (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. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Thompson, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (FERTILIZER) BILL (No. 2) 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 58.*

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, 24th November, 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.)

Mr. Thompson (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. Thompson moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thompson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thompson and Sir Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thompson 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. Thompson 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 a later hour this day.

24. STATES GRANTS (FERTILIZER) BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce) 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 a later hour this day.

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

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 59.*

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 sections twenty-seven and twenty-eight of the *Financial Relief Acts 1936*.

Canberra, 24th November, 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 a Bill for an Act to amend sections twenty-seven and twenty-eight of the *Financial Relief Acts 1936*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Sir Earle Page moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Earle Page and Mr. Thompson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Earle Page 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. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce) 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

26. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 10 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 11, Government Business.

27. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce) 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

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

28. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—APPLE AND PEAR PUBLICITY AND RESEARCH BILL 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 60.*

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 make provision for Assisting in the Production and Marketing in Australia of Apples and Pears.

Canberra, 1st 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.)

Mr. Thompson (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 make provision for Assisting in the Production and Marketing in Australia of Apples and Pears.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thompson, was adopted by the House.

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

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

29. APPLE AND PEAR TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thompson (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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Frost, the following amendment was made:—Page 2, lines 33–36, omit the definition of “wholesale fruit merchant”, insert the following definition: “wholesale fruit merchant” means any person who engages in the purchase of apples or pears from the grower for sale to a person who purchases them for resale”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr. Frost, the following amendments were made:

Page 4, line 32, omit “or to a fruit processor”.

Page 4, line 33, omit “or the fruit processor, as the case may be”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13—

On the motion of Mr. Frost, the following amendment was made:—Page 4, lines 43–44, omit paragraph (b), insert the following paragraph:—

“(b) apples or pears processed or to be processed by him or sold or to be sold by him to a fruit processor”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Frost, the following amendment was made:—Page 5, line 9, omit “or a fruit processor”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 36 agreed to.

Clause 37—

On the motion of Mr. Frost, the following amendments were made:—

Page 10, lines 34–35, omit “, wholesale fruit merchant or a fruit processor”, insert “or a wholesale fruit merchant”.

Page 10, line 43, omit “, wholesale fruit merchant or a fruit processor”, insert “or a wholesale fruit merchant”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 38 to 40 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

6th December, 1938.

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

30. **WAYS AND MEANS—APPLE AND PEAR TAX.**—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved—

1. That a tax be imposed upon apples and pears grown in Australia and, on or after the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, sold by or on behalf of the grower.

2. That, subject to a lower rate being prescribed by regulations made under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, the rate of tax shall be Three farthings per bushel case.

3. That the Governor-General may, after report to the Minister by the Australian Apple and Pear Board constituted under the *Apple and Pear Organization Act 1938*, make regulations prescribing a lower rate of tax on apples and pears than that imposed by the Act passed to give effect to this resolution.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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. Thompson moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thompson, was adopted by the House.

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

31. **APPLE AND PEAR TAX BILL 1938.**—Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Apples and Pears grown in Australia and sold by or on behalf of the Grower*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

32. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1938.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 61.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of money.

Canberra, 6th 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.)

Mr. Street (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Street moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Street, was adopted by the House.

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

6th December, 1938.

Mr. Street 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. Street moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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.

33. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES (No. 2) 1938-39.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 62.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 6th December, 1938.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

34. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 12 to 20 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 21, Government Business.

35. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES (No. 2) 1938-39.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the following additional sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1938-39 for the services hereunder specified, viz. :—

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH—

The Department of Defence—	£
Naval Forces	76,950
Military Forces	1,244,000
Total	<u>1,320,950</u>

Debate ensued.

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.

36. STATES GRANTS (FERTILIZER) BILL (No. 2) 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. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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 the next sitting.

37. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MOTOR INDUSTRY BOUNTY BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Parts of Motor Vehicles", 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, 6th 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.)

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

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 7, The Schedule, first column, leave out "and baffle or", insert "baffle and".

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On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs), the Amendment was agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Perkins, the House adopted the Report.

38. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved; That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to ten 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. Badman, Mr. Forde, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Martens, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Scully, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Spender, and Mr. Stacey.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.