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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 115.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1939.

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. STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a Statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Prowse rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The advisability of including other ports and places as wool appraisement centres additional to those fixed by the Central Wool Committee".
Point of Order.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) raised a Point of Order that the discussion of the matter at this stage would anticipate debate under the Order of the Day relating to the motion to print the Ministerial Statement regarding the sale of Australian commodities.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker said that, as the subject-matter was not mentioned in the Ministerial Statement, the Chair would not be justified in ruling the motion out of order on the ground that the discussion would anticipate debate.
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Prowse moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Pollard addressing the House 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.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
National Security Act—National Security (Securities) Regulations—Notice—Returns of securities.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Broadcasting Commission Act—Seventh Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, for year 1938-39.
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board for year 1938-39, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1939—
No. 10—Police Offences (No. 2).
No. 11—Public Parks.
No. 12—Amendments Incorporation.
Public Health Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
GOWRIE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 98.*
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 Bounty on the Export of Fortified Wine, and for other purposes.
Canberra, 12th September, 1939.

22nd November, 1939.

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. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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 Bounty on the Export of Fortified Wine, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. John Lawson 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. John Lawson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. John Lawson and Sir Frederick Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. John Lawson 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. CONTROL OF PRICES AND PREVENTION OF PROFITEERING DURING THE WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), That the Paper [*presented on the 15th instant*], viz. :—

Control of Prices and Prevention of Profiteering during the War—Ministerial Statement—be printed—

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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, 30.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. McHugh	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Badman	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Brenman	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Collins	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Corser	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Francis	Mr. Price
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehan	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Frost	Mr. Spurr	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender
Mr. Green	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. James		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. Gander	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Martens	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Jolly	Mr. White
		Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Nock
		Mr. McCall	

And so it was negatived.

Debate resumed on the motion.

Mr. Cameron addressing the House 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. James 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to 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. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Maloney, and Mr. Ward.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.