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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 110.

FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1930.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (No. 2) (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 101.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Income Tax Act 1930 ' ,*" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message to 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 requested by the Senate, which is as follows :—  
SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT.

Page 2, clause 3, after sub-section (2.) of proposed section 7A insert the following new sub-section :—

" (2A.) This section shall not apply to income which is assessable for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty under the provisions of sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph (b) of section sixteen of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1930* if that income is distributed out of income which was assessable income of a company under those provisions for any prior financial year."

Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister) moved, That the Requested Amendment be made.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chifley reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be returned to the Senate accordingly.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 102.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to repeal Sections Forty-five N and Forty-five P of the ' Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1929 ' and to enact other sections in lieu thereof ' ,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—GOLD BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 103.

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 Gold, 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.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 12th December, 1930, a.m.

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

12th December, 1930.

5. WHEAT ADVANCES BILL.—Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Markets and for Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Advances on Wheat.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PORT AUGUSTA TO RED HILL RAILWAY BILL (1930).—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. McGrath reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Port Augusta to Red Hill Railway—  
Plan of Railway, showing lands through which it is to pass.  
Book of reference setting forth the names of the owners of the land on the route, &c.  
Report by the Commonwealth Railways Commissioner in regard to the estimated cost of the Railway, &c.
8. PORT AUGUSTA TO RED HILL RAILWAY BILL (1930).—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 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, as an amendment, That the words "Seven hundred and thirty-five" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "Six hundred and twenty-five" in place thereof.  
Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Martens
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Frost	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Tully
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Price
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hunter	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen	
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Gardner

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Markets and for Transport), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY LORD SOMERS, ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency Lord Somers, Administering the Government of the Commonwealth, was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

SOMERS,

*Person Administering the Government of the  
Commonwealth of Australia.*

Message No. 57.

A Proposed Law intituled :—“ *South Australia Grant Act 1930*,” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Person Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

10. GOLD BOUNTY BILL.—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 2, clause 3, after the definition of “ licensed gold-buyer ” insert the following definition :—

“ ‘ mine ’ includes any place, pit, shaft, drive, level or other excavation, bore, drift, gutter, lead, vein, lode or reef wherein or whereby any operation for, or in connexion with, mining purposes is carried on ; ”.

On the motion of Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister), the Amendment was agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

11. WHEAT ADVANCES BILL.—Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Markets and for Transport), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Advances on Wheat* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Latham 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.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (No. 2) (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 104.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Income Tax Act 1930* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate, and without further requests.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 12th December, 1930.

13. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1930—No. 22—Appropriation 1930—31.

Northern Australia Act—

Central Australia—Ordinance of 1930—No. 15—Employees' Accommodation.

North Australia—Ordinances of 1930—

No. 18—Employees' Accommodation.

No. 19—Pearling.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1930—No. 21—Court of Petty Sessions (No. 2).

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Coleman\*, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hughes\*, Mr. James\*, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Parker Moloney\*, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Scullin\*, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. West.

\* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.