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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 177.

THURSDAY, 23RD JULY, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 83.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1931,*”
“*Loan Act 1931,*”

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, 22nd July, 1931.

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Killen 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 recent increases in Land Tax Valuations”.
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. Killen moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The Budget, 1931-32—Papers presented by the Right Honorable J. H. Scullin, M.P., for the information of honorable Members (containing final information additional to that set out in Parliamentary Paper No. 244, presented to the House on the 10th instant).
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 88.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Order for variation of the plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 16th July, 1931.

5. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. WHEAT MARKETING BILL (1931).—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. Lazzarini, viz.:*—That all words after “be” be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—“withdrawn and immediately re-introduced containing provisions for the stabilizing of the wheat industry over a period of three years by fixing the price for wheat at a sum based on the average cost of production plus 30 per cent.”—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Debate on motion—That the Bill be now read a second time—resumed.

Mr. Parkhill addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Mr. Curtin moved, That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Mr. Thompson 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.

7. WAYS AND MEANS [SPECIAL CUSTOMS DUTY (No. 3)].—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the nineteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, imposing a special duty of Customs on goods included in certain tariff items specified in Column One of the schedule thereto be amended by omitting from Column Two of that schedule opposite the figure 1 in Column One of that schedule the words "Whole item" and inserting in their stead the words "Whole item except Porter and Stout" and that on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, the special duty of Customs specified in that Resolution be imposed in accordance with that Resolution as so amended.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. WHEAT MARKETING BILL (1931).—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.

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

Ayes, 45.

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| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Keane |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Killen |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Lacey |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Eldridge | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Gregory | |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Holloway | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. James | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Jones | Mr. E. C. Riley |

Noes, 14.

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| Mr. Bell |
| Mr. Donald Cameron |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron |
| Mr. Gardner |
| Mr. Hawker |
| Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Parkhill |

Tellers:

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| Mr. Bayley |
| Mr. White |

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. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

23rd July, 1931.

9. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) asked leave of the House to move a Motion without notice. Objection being raised, leave not granted.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gabb addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Bell
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Brennan
Mr. Donald Cameron
Mr. Malcolm Cameron
Mr. Chifley
Mr. Coleman
Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Crouch
Mr. Culley
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Curtin
Mr. Cusack
Mr. Forde
Mr. Frost
Mr. Gardner
Mr. Gibbons
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Roland Green
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Hill
Mr. Holloway
Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jones
Mr. Keane
Mr. Killen

Tellers:

Mr. Bayley
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 8.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Eldridge
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Hawker
Mr. James
Mr. Lazzarini

Tellers:

Mr. Gabb
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Bell
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Brennan
Mr. Donald Cameron
Mr. Malcolm Cameron
Mr. Chifley
Mr. Coleman
Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Crouch
Mr. Culley
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Curtin
Mr. Cusack
Mr. Forde
Mr. Frost
Mr. Gardner
Mr. Gibbons
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Roland Green
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Hawker
Mr. Hill
Mr. Holloway
Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jones
Mr. Keane
Mr. Killen

Tellers:

Mr. Bayley
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 7.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Eldridge
Mr. Fenton
Mr. James
Mr. Lazzarini

Tellers:

Mr. Gabb
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

11. WHEAT MARKETING BILL (1931).—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.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Nairn moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—“ from each of which there has been a net export of wheat during the previous three years ”.

Debate ensued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 24TH JULY, 1931.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Hawker moved, as an amendment, That the words “ at least three ” (page 1, lines 11-12) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words “ a majority ” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 38.

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| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Lacey |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Eldridge | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Holloway | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Jones | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Keane | Mr. E. C. Riley |

Noes, 9.

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| Mr. Donald Cameron |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron |
| Mr. Hawker |
| Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Parkhill |
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| <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Bell |
| Mr. White |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets), the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 1, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause :—

“ This Act shall cease to be in force on a date notified by the Governor-General in the *Gazette* as being the date upon which the Agreement in accordance with the form in the Schedule will terminate.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Hawker moved, as an amendment, That after “ Governor-General ” (page 2, line 11) the words “ on the recommendation of a majority of the other members of the Board ” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 12 agreed to.

23rd and 24th July, 1931.

Clause 13 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 39.

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| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Eldridge | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. James | Tellers: |
| Mr. Jones | |
| Mr. Keane | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Lacey | Mr. E. C. Riley |

Noes, 12.

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| Mr. Bell | |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | |
| Mr. Gregory | |
| Mr. Hawker | |
| Mr. Latham | |
| Mr. Lyons | |
| Mr. Marr | |
| Mr. Nairn | |
| Mr. Parkhill | |
| | Tellers: |
| Mr. Bayley | |
| Mr. White | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 14—

Mr. Hawker moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (2):—“ but no condition shall be prescribed restricting the sale or export of wheat to a place outside the Commonwealth from any State which has not entered into an agreement under the schedule of this Act ”.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hawker addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Holloway | Tellers: |
| Mr. Jones | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Lacey | Mr. E. C. Riley |

Noes, 16.

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| Mr. Beasley | |
| Mr. Bell | |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | |
| Mr. Eldridge | |
| Mr. Hawker | |
| Mr. James | |
| Mr. Latham | |
| Mr. Lazzarini | |
| Mr. Lyons | |
| Mr. Marr | |
| Mr. Nairn | |
| Mr. Parkhill | |
| Mr. Ward | |
| | Tellers: |
| Mr. Bayley | |
| Mr. White | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Mr. Hawker addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Scullin moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 35.

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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Holloway | Tellers: |
| Mr. Jones | |
| Mr. Lacey | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Lewis | Mr. E. C. Riley |

Noes, 17.

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| Mr. Beasley |
| Mr. Bell |
| Mr. Donald Cameron |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron |
| Mr. Eldridge |
| Mr. Gregory |
| Mr. Hawker |
| Mr. James |
| Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Ward |

Tellers:

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| Mr. Bayley |
| Mr. White |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 40.

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| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Eldridge | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Holloway | Tellers: |
| Mr. James | |
| Mr. Jones | |
| Mr. Lacey | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. E. C. Riley |

Noes, 12.

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| Mr. Bell |
| Mr. Donald Cameron |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron |
| Mr. Gregory |
| Mr. Hawker |
| Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Parkhill |

Tellers:

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| Mr. Bayley |
| Mr. White |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 15 debated—

Mr. Parkhill addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Scullin moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Hill | Tellers: |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. Jones | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Lacey | Mr. E. C. Riley |

Noes, 17.

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| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Eldridge | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Gregory | |
| Mr. Hawker | |
| Mr. James | Tellers: |
| Mr. Latham | Mr. Bayley |
| Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. White |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 40.

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| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Lacey |
| Mr. Blakeloy | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Eldridge | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. James | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Jones | Mr. E. C. Riley |

Noes, 11.

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| Mr. Bell |
| Mr. Donald Cameron |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron |
| Mr. Hawker |
| Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Parkhill |
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| <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Bayley |
| Mr. White |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 16 debated—

Mr. Parkhill moved, as an amendment, That the words "Five hundred" (page 4, line 31) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "Fifty" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 40.

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| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Keane |
| Mr. Blakeloy | Mr. Lacey |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Eldridge | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. James | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Jones | Mr. E. C. Riley |

Noes, 11.

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| Mr. Bell |
| Mr. Donald Cameron |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron |
| Mr. Hawker |
| Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. White |
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| <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Bayley |
| Mr. Marr |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 17—

Mr. Lazzarini moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause : -

“(d) fix the price of wheat at a sum based on the average cost of its production in the Commonwealth, plus thirty per centum.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Eldridge
Mr. Hawker
Mr. James
Mr. Ward

Tellers:
Mr. Malcolm Cameron
Mr. Lazzarini

Noes, 41.

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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Hunter | |
| Mr. Jones | |
| Mr. Keane | |
| Mr. Lacey | |
| Mr. Latham | |

Tellers:
Mr. Bayley
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 18 and 19 agreed to.

Clause 20 debated—

Mr. Hawker moved, as an amendment, That before "wheat" (page 5, line 33) the words "stocks of" be inserted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 21 agreed to.

Clause 22 debated and agreed to.

Clause 23 agreed to.

The Schedule—

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That the following new clause be inserted before clause 1 of the agreement:—

1A.—(1.) This Agreement shall remain in force for three years from the date of the making thereof and thereafter until terminated as provided in this clause.

(2.) The Commonwealth and any State which is a party to this Agreement may terminate its adherence to this Agreement at the expiration of three years from the date of the Agreement or at any time thereafter by twelve months' notice in writing previously given in the month of November in any year to the other parties to the Agreement.

(3.) Where the Commonwealth terminates its adherence to this Agreement, or where, by reason of the termination by one or more States of its or their adherence to the Agreement, the number of States remaining as parties to the Agreement is less than three, this Agreement shall cease and determine save as to any rights, obligations or liabilities acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder.

Mr. Hawker moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendment, That the words "three years" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "one year" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment to proposed amendment negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney, the following further amendment was made to the agreement:—

Page 6, clause 3, omit "the Board", insert "a Wheat Board for that State".

Mr. Hawker moved, as a further amendment to the agreement, That before the word "majority" (clause 3) the word "two-thirds" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Hawker moved, as a further amendment to the agreement, That before the word "majority" (clause 4) the word "two-thirds" be inserted.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney, the following further amendments were made to the agreement:—

Page 7, clause 7, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:—

(2.) Each State undertakes that the State Wheat Board of that State will take such action as may be necessary to ensure that, except for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions as the State Wheat Board of that State may determine, no wheat in that State carried over from any season prior to the first season to which the Scheme applies shall, after the commencement of that last-mentioned season, be available for use or consumption within that State.

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Page 7, clause 8, sub-clause (1.), omit from sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) the words "the operation of this Agreement as may be mutually agreed between the parties hereto", insert "any season to which the Scheme applies".

Page 8, clause 9, sub-clause (2.), omit "States" (first occurring), insert "State Wheat Boards".
 Page 8, clause 10, after "price" (first occurring) insert "as that at which wheat is offered for sale to that country".

Mr. Hill moved, as a further amendment, That the following new clause be inserted after clause 10 of the agreement:—

10A. So long as the State of Tasmania be not a party to this Agreement the Australian Wheat Board may at any time accept wheat from Tasmania which is unsuitable for gristing into flour for bread but which is suitable for manufacture into biscuits, in exchange for wheat from any of the other States which is suitable for gristing into flour for bread, an adjustment being made where there is any difference in the value of the wheats. The Australian Wheat Board shall also make available wheat required for consumption in Tasmania and shall not charge a higher price for such wheat than the price for the time being charged for wheat for consumption in Victoria.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Beasley
 Mr. Bell
 Mr. Donald Cameron
 Mr. Malcolm Cameron
 Mr. Eldridge
 Mr. Gregory
 Mr. Hawker
 Mr. Hill
 Mr. James
 Mr. Latham
 Mr. Lazzarini
 Mr. Marr

Tellers:

Mr. Bayley
 Mr. Hunter

Noes, 29.

Mr. Blakeley
 Mr. Brennan
 Mr. Chifley
 Mr. Coleman
 Mr. Bernard Corser
 Mr. Crouch
 Mr. Culley
 Mr. Cunningham
 Mr. Curtin
 Mr. Cusack
 Mr. Forde
 Mr. Frost
 Mr. Gibbons
 Mr. Albert Green
 Mr. Holloway
 Mr. Jones

Tellers:

Mr. Lacey
 Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney, the following amendments were made to the agreement:—

Page 8, clause 12, sub-clause (1.), after "realization" (first and second occurring) insert "per bushel".

Page 8, clause 12, sub-clause (1.), after "season" (first occurring) insert "to which the Scheme applies".

Page 8, clause 12, sub-clause (1.), after "wheat" (second occurring) insert "of that season".

Mr. Gregory moved, as a further amendment, That the words "subject to sub-clause (2.) of this clause" be omitted from sub-clause (1.) of clause 12 of the agreement.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Hill moved, as a further amendment to the agreement, That all the words after "exported" to the end of clause 12 be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"each of the State Wheat Boards shall pay to the Australian Wheat Board one-half of the amount of such excess. The Australian Wheat Board may allow and pay portion of such moneys to any State Wheat Board to which the Australian Wheat Board considers an allowance should be made to meet any exceptional circumstance and the balance of the money shall be distributed between the respective State Wheat Boards in proportion to the quantities of wheat received for the season".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Gregory moved the amendment previously withdrawn, viz.:—That the words "subject to sub-clause (2.) of this clause" be omitted from sub-clause (1.) of clause 12 of the agreement.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney, the following further amendments were made to the agreement:—

Page 9, clause 12, sub-clause (2.), omit paragraph (c), insert the following paragraph:—

"(c) from an excess in the average price found by the Australian Wheat Board as being the average price obtained during the three seasons terminating with the season 1930-1931 in respect of wheat sold for use or consumption within the State over the average price so found in respect of those seasons as being that obtained in respect of wheat of that State sold for export,".

Page 9, clause 12, after sub-clause (2.) insert the following sub-clause:—

(3.) Any determination of the average net realization of wheat for the purposes of this clause shall be made by the Australian Wheat Board.

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Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 12 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 13, Government Business.

13. **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1931).**—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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.

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

14. **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1931).**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1930*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Scullin 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.

15. **ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to eight o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gullett, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.