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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 138.

MONDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
3. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1933).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 14th November, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1933'*," 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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1933—  
No. 24—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.  
No. 25—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1933—  
No. 26—Real Property.  
No. 27—Leases (No. 2).
5. FRUIT GROWERS' RELIEF BILL.—Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Fruit Growers.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Frederick Stewart 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. Frederick Stewart moved, by leave, 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.)*

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.  
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.  
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 13.
7. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Debate resumed on the motion previously moved by Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) on 1st December, 1933 (*see* pages 836-8).

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the word "six" be omitted from the last line of clause 2 of the motion, with a view to the insertion of the word "five"

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Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Casey moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

8. INCOME TAX BILL (1933).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Casey 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. Bell reported accordingly.

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

9. DRIED FRUITS BILL (1933).—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, as an amendment, That sub-clauses (1.) and (2.) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following sub-clause in place thereof :—

(1.) If at a poll of growers of the following kinds of dried fruits, namely prunes, apricots, peaches, pears and nectarines, taken in the prescribed manner throughout the Commonwealth within six months after the commencement of this Act, less than sixty per centum of the votes are given in favour of the continuance of section two of this Act, so far as it relates to those kinds of dried fruits, that section shall cease to have effect in relation to those kinds of dried fruits upon a date to be fixed by proclamation not being later than one month after the expiration of the period of six months from the commencement of this Act.

Duration of  
section two in  
relation to  
prunes, &c.

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the words "sixty per centum" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "a majority" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Dein	Mr. Marr
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. McBride
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Holman	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Latham	Mr. Price

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Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Makin
Mr. Baker	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Nock
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gander	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Martens
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. McNicoll

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

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Amendment, as amended, agreed to.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Frederick Stewart, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. ASHMORE AND CARTIER ISLANDS ACCEPTANCE BILL.—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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 8 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 13.

12. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1933).—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—  
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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, *see* page 836) the Bill was read a third time.

13. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT BILL (1933).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 9 to 44 agreed to.

Clause 45—

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made :—

Page 11, line 15, after “ place ” add “, being a place at which the Court is empowered to sit”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 46—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendment was made :—

Page 11, line 18, after “ place ” insert “, being a place at which the Court is empowered to sit, ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 47 to 60 agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—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. J. V. Fairbairn 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.

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15. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 77.

Proposed Laws intituled—

“ Customs Tariff 1933 ”,

“ Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 1933 ”,

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.

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ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 78.

Proposed Laws intituled—

“ Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933 ”,

“ Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1933 ”,

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.

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16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven 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. Anstey, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchin, Mr. Jennings, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Stacey.

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