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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 33.

THURSDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1935.

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. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V—TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ACCESSION TO THRONE—JOINT ADDRESS.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the following Joint Address be presented to His Majesty the King :—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :

Most Gracious Sovereign :

We, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, tender to You, upon the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Your accession to the Throne, an expression of our continued loyalty to the Throne and Person of Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen.

With feelings of pride we review the fruitful course of Your Majesty's reign, and we recall with thankfulness the many blessings which have contributed to the advancement of our Commonwealth and of the status of the Empire among the Nations of the world.

We rejoice that the miracles of the new age have brought the parts of Your realm into closer contact. Since Your Majesty assumed the Throne the means of communication have been accelerated to a remarkable extent by invention, and the close co-operation between the component parts of the Empire, which is so earnestly desired, has been thereby greatly facilitated.

With the encouragement and guidance of Your Majesty Australia has won the status of nationhood. Gladly are we bearing the responsibilities which that dignity entails, and devoutly do we hope that in fulfilling the obligations of nationhood we will confer added benefits on the Empire.

We deeply appreciate Your personal interest in our advancement, and we recall with pride that members of Your family have been intimately associated with the principal events of our history since Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen visited our continent on the occasion of the opening of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia. The visit of Your son the Prince of Wales immediately after the termination of the war and the presence of Your son the Duke of York at the establishment of Canberra as the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth of Australia are fresh in our memory.

These visits, and the recent tour of Your son the Duke of Gloucester, have done much to emphasize and promote the unswerving loyalty and devotion of British peoples to Your Majesties and the indissoluble unity of the countries comprising Your realm.

With the other partners in the British Empire we join in thanking Almighty God that Your Majesty has been spared so long to guide its destinies. It is our fervent prayer that Your Most Gracious Majesties may continue for many years to enjoy the peaceful progress of the Empire and to promote the welfare and happiness of Your subjects, and through them the peoples of the world.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Meat Imports into United Kingdom—Copy of British Government White Paper, containing Statement of the views of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.
 Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
 Canned Oysters.
 Cloth known as Camel Hair Cloth and/or imitation Camel Hair Cloth.
 Condensers n.e.i. and fixed Electrolytic Condensers.
 Crustaceans preserved in tins or other air-tight vessels.
 Discs for Agricultural Implements.
 Flax and Linseed.
 Flour Milling Machinery and Cereals Milling Machinery.
 Iron and Steel Plate and Sheet (exceeding 0.135 inch in thickness).
 Iron and Steel Sheet up to and including one-eighth inch in thickness.
 Leather Manufactures n.e.i. ; Leather cut into shape, &c. ; Harness and Buggy Saddles.
 Sulphate of Copper.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MATERNAL AND INFANT WELFARE.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the intention of the Government to launch a campaign to include both Maternal and Infant Welfare as a National Memorial to be offered by the people of Australia as a Jubilee Gift to the King and Queen.

5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past nine o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 International Agreements (Treaties, Conventions, &c.) respecting Commercial Relations, which affect the Commonwealth of Australia—List prepared by the Department of External Affairs.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1935—

No. 1—Postal Electricians Supervisors and Foremen's Association, Postmaster-General's Department, Commonwealth of Australia.

No. 2—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.

No. 3—Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (FARMERS' DEBT ADJUSTMENT) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,

Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 certain sums of money to provide for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in the making of payments to or for the benefit of Farmers, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 13th March, 1935.

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. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) 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 certain sums of money to provide for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in the making of payments to or for the benefit of Farmers, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, by leave, was adopted by the House.

8. LOAN (FARMERS' DEBT ADJUSTMENT) 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.

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The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1935.

Debate continued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the question be now put—

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Thompson

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Mr. Baker	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. McClelland	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Raw Cotton Bounty Bill* (1935)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section nine of the ‘ Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1934 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th April, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Customs Bill* (1935)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section four of the ‘ Customs Act 1901–1934 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th April, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past nine o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Frederick Stewart, Mr. Thorby, and Mr. Watkins.

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