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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr. Perkins), on the ground of urgent private business.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—  
 Bicycles with wheels not exceeding 18 inches diameter and Frames not exceeding 18 inches in length.  
 Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Clogs, Pattens and other Footwear (of any material) n.e.i. : Boot and Shoe Uppers and Tops (except of felt) ; Cork, Leather, and other Socks or Soles, n.e.i.  
 Cherries, either crystallized, preserved or partly preserved.  
 Clothes Wringers for household use.  
 Coin Mechanisms for prepayment gas meters and Indexes for gas meters, imported separately.  
 Glassware.  
 Manufactured Stationery.  
 Ore Dressing Machinery and Appliances n.e.i., and Accessories ; Smelting, Leaching and Metal-Refining Appliances ; Rock Boring Machines n.e.i. ; Mining Machinery n.e.i.  
 Quilts, Counterpanes and Bedspreads.  
 Rat and Mouse Traps.  
 Sparking Plugs.  
 Spirit for the manufacture of Scents, Toilet Preparations and Essences.  
 Towels n.e.i., cut or uncut ; Towelling n.e.i., in the piece whether defined or not for cutting up ; Terry Cloth and Terry Robing in the piece ; Towels of Crash, Dowlas, Forfar, Glass Cloth, Honeycomb, Kitchen Towelling, Tea Towelling.  
 Severally or lered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—IMPORTATION OF AIRCRAFT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the decision of Cabinet to permit the importation into Australia under licence of American and other foreign aircraft.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Bankruptcy Act—Seventh Annual Report, for period 1st August, 1934, to 31st July, 1935.  
 Ordered to be printed.

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7. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Jennings brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

- High Commissioner for Australia in London—Report for 1934.  
 Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for year 1934–35.  
 River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1934–35.  
 Science and Industry Research Act—Ninth Annual Report of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, for year 1934–35.  
 Sugar Agreement—Fourth Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee, for year ended 31st August, 1935.  
 Superannuation Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1934–35.

JNO. T. JENNINGS.

House of Representatives Committee Room,  
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Mr. Jennings moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
 Question—put and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McCall 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, " Broadcasting in Australia ".  
 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. McCall moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Closure moved.—Mr. Stacey 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, 33.

Noes, 33.

Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Fischen	Mr. Nock	Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McCall
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Clark	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White	Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Lane		Mr. Frost	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons		Mr. Roland Green	
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Thompson	Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson

The numbers for the " Ayes " and the " Noes " being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the " Noes ".

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

The debate having continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REMOVAL OF PRISONERS (TERRITORIES) BILL (1935).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Removal of Prisoners (Territories) Act 1923 '* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 3rd December, 1935.

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, Government Business.

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11. PORT AUGUSTA TO PORT PIRIE RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia; to provide for the Extension of the Trans-Australian Railway by the Construction of a Railway from Port Augusta to Port Pirie in the State of South Australia; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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.

12. FLOUR TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1935).—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Flour Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1934*.

Question—put and passed.

13. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL (1935).—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—

*Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill.*—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill.

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lyons
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Sir Charles Marr
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 25.

Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
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Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Lazzarini	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Allotment of Time.*—Mr. White then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

(a) For the second reading, until 9.30 p.m., Tuesday, 3rd December.

(b) For the Committee stage, until 12.50 a.m., Wednesday, 4th December.

(c) For the remaining stages, until 1 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, 4th December.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

*Limitation of Debate.*—At half-past nine o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second reading had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Beasley moved, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) 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.

14. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL (1935)—LIMITATION OF DEBATE—EXTENSION OF TIME.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill be extended as follows :—

(a) For the Committee stage, until 3.30 p.m., Wednesday, 4th December.

(b) For the remaining stages, until 3.45 p.m., Wednesday, 4th December.

Question—put and passed.

15. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SHIPPING STRIKE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the present Shipping Strike in Australian Ports, informing the House of the attitude of the Government thereto, and the action which the Government proposes to take.

16. DEATH OF THE PRINCESS VICTORIA—ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HIS MAJESTY.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) announced, with deep regret, the death of His Majesty's Sister, Her Royal Highness the Princess Victoria, which occurred early this morning, and moved, by leave, That the following Address to His Majesty the King be agreed to :—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :  
MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, have received with profound sorrow the news of the death of Your August Sister, Her Royal Highness the Princess Victoria. We wish to express to Your Majesty the heartfelt sympathy of Your subjects in the Commonwealth of Australia in the great loss which you have sustained.

And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Beasley having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

17. ADJOURNMENT AS MARK OF RESPECT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) then moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Princess Victoria, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Makin, Mr. McBride, and Mr. Perkins\*.

\* On leave.

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