

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 74.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1935.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Brushware and Materials therefor.
Electric Current Rectifiers.
Lamps and Lanterns n.e.i. and Lamp Chimneys.
Metal Workers' Bench Vises of under 2½ inch jaw.
Piston Rings for Internal Combustion Engines.
Reducing Machines for refining chocolate.
Wireless Receiver Parts and Accessories.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Broadcasting Commission Act—Third Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, for year 1934-35.
4. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL (1935).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr. Beasley, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee—
Debate resumed.
Closure.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the question be now put.
Point of Order.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) rose to a Point of Order that the Closure could not be moved upon any question on which debate was limited in accordance with Standing Order No. 262A.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker pointed out that while Standing Order No. 262A provided that the closure shall not apply to any proceedings in respect of which time has been allotted, in this case the motion for a Select Committee had not been included in the allotment of time applied to the various stages of the Bill. He therefore ruled that the Closure could be moved.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lyons
Sir Donald Cameron	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Casey	Mr. McCall
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Noek
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 27.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lane	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Nairn
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Clark	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Garden	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gander
Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Lazzarini

Noes, 50.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brennan	Sir Charles Marr
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. McCall
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Forde	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Scullin
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holt	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Speaker thereupon 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. Street moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause:—

“subject to that agreement being amended to provide that the prices of sugar referred to in clause 5 of the agreement shall, on and after the first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, be reduced by £4 7s. 6d. per ton.”

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past three o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 13.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Price
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Street
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Scholfield

Noes, 53.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brennan	Sir Charles Marr
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. McCall
Mr. Clark	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Nock
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Forde	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frost	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Garden	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Scullin
Sir Littleton Groom	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holt	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. James	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Gander
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner

And so it was negatived.

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Further question—That clause 3 be agreed to—put and passed.

Further question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. White, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. White moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—
Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 63.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ Orange Bounty Act 1935 ”
“ Income Tax Act 1935 ”

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, 3rd December, 1935.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1935-36.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

7. WHEAT AND WHEAT PRODUCTS 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—

Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) 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, 41.

Noes, 24.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Sir Charles Marr
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Lyons	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Thompson

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- (a) For the second reading, until 6.10 p.m.
 (b) For the Committee stage—
 (i) clauses 1 to 4, until 8.30 p.m.
 (ii) remainder of Committee stage, until 12 o'clock midnight.
 (c) For the remaining stages, until 12.10 a.m., Thursday, 5th December.

Debate ensued.

Question—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. McCall
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	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. Makin
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
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that immediate steps be taken to establish a compulsory Wheat Pool with power to control the marketing of the whole of Australia's Wheat Crop in co-operation with compulsory State Wheat Pools."

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At ten minutes past six o'clock p.m., the Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second reading had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the 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. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fisker	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

Limitation of Debate.—At half past eight o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill to the end of clause 4 had expired—

Question—That clause 4 be agreed to—put and passed.

Clause 5 debated—

Limitation of Debate.—At twelve o'clock midnight, the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage of the Bill had expired—

Question—That clause 5 be agreed to—put and passed.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Further question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

[*War Service Homes Bill (1935)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 81.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘War Service Homes Act 1918–1934’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Wheat Growers Relief Bill (No. 2) (1935)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 82.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Wheat Growers Relief Act 1934–1935’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Meat Export Charges Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 83.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to impose Charges upon the Export of Meat*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Canned Fruits Export Charges Bill (1935)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 84.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1926–1929’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Financial Relief Bill (No. 2) (1935)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 85.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend section nineteen of the ‘Financial Relief Act 1934–1935’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 4th December, 1935.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

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9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1935).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 86.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1934'* ", 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.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th December, 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.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 14, clause 26, line 31, leave out " , or of any relatives of any such pensioner or applicant " .

Amendment agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

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

* On leave.

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