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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 79.

THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1936.

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. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Curtin:—That the Government is deserving of censure for—
 - (a) Failing to take action to safeguard Australia's oversea funds by checking the increasing flow of unnecessary imports, thus leaving it to the Commonwealth Bank Board exclusively to direct national monetary policy in a manner gravely affecting the economic conditions of Australia.
 - (b) Disclaiming all responsibility for the course now taken which prejudices the employment of the people and increases the difficulties of trade and commerce generally.

Debate resumed.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 25.	Tellers:	Noes, 41.	Tellers:
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Barnard	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Fisker	Mr. Nock
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Garden		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. Holloway		Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. James		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
		Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
		Mr. Hutchinson	
		Mr. Jennings	
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

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3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EUROPEAN SITUATION.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the present European situation in regard to the action of Germany in assembling armed forces in the Rhineland demilitarized zone.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT GROWERS RELIEF BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 72.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Wheat Growers.

Canberra, 11th March, 1936.

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. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Wheat Growers.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 73.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Primary Producers, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 12th March, 1936.

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. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Primary Producers, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thorby and Mr. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thorby then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Thorby moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PRIMARY PRODUCERS RELIEF BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 74.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Primary Producers Relief Act 1935*.

Canberra, 12th March, 1936.

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. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Primary Producers Relief Act 1935*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thorby and Mr. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

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

No. 23—Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 24—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

No. 25—Public Service Clerical Association.

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 27.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 26.

Financial Emergency Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 24.

Sanctions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 116, 117, 118.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Earle Page, and Mr. Perkins.

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