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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 80.

FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1936.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Ellsworth Antarctic Relief Expedition—Report by Captain L. C. Hill, Commanding Officer of the Royal Research Ship *Discovery II*.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INSURANCE—REPORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS ABROAD BY SIR FREDERICK STEWART, M.P.—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Papers :—
Employment—Report of Investigations abroad by Sir Frederick Stewart, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Employment.
Social Insurance—Health Insurance, Pensions, Unemployment Insurance—Report of Investigations abroad by Sir Frederick Stewart, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Employment—
and moved, That the Papers be printed.
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.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGE IN MINISTRY AND DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) made a Ministerial Statement announcing the following change in the Ministry and distribution of Ministerial Duties :—
Mr. Hughes to be Minister for Health and Minister for Repatriation.
Mr. Thorby to act as Minister for Commerce during the absence from Australia of Mr. Earle Page.
Senator Brennan to act as Attorney-General and Minister for Industry during the absence from Australia of Mr. Menzies. Mr. Hughes to represent the Acting Attorney-General in the House.
Mr. Casey to represent the Minister for External Affairs in the House during the absence from Australia of Mr. Menzies.
Mr. Lyons also informed the House that Sir Frederick Stewart had resigned from the position of Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Employment, and that Mr. Thorby would deal with matters having reference to employment generally.
5. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m. ; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m. ; and on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Nineteenth Session, held at Geneva, June, 1935—Reports of the Australian Delegates.
League of Nations—Sixteenth Assembly, September–October, 1935—Report of the Australian Delegation.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Nineteenth Session, held at Geneva, June, 1935—Draft Conventions and Recommendation.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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7. APPLE AND PEAR BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of a Bounty on the Export of Apples and Pears from the Commonwealth.
Question—put and passed.
8. ORANGE BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of a Bounty on the Export of Oranges from the Commonwealth.
Question—put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business.
10. FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (1936).—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.)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 518) the Bill was read a third time.

11. PRIMARY PRODUCERS RELIEF BILL (1936).—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.

(In the Committee.)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 519) the Bill was read a third time.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN (FARMERS' DEBT ADJUSTMENT) BILL (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 101.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend sections six and eight of the ‘ Loan (Farmers’ Debt Adjustment) Act 1935 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 13th March, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) 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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MEAT EXPORT CONTROL BILL (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 102.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Meat Export Control Act 1935 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 13th March, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) 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.

14. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1936—
No. 1—Brands.
No. 2—Coroners.
No. 3—Buildings.
Slaughtering Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brennan, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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