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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 111.

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Titanium Oxide, Titanium White, also compounds and mixtures of Antimony and Titanium Oxides.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Orange Bounty Act (1935)—Report on the working of the Act, together with return showing amount of bounty paid.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EXPORT OF SUGAR.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the results of the negotiations regarding the importation of Australian sugar into the United Kingdom.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FARMERS' DEBT ADJUSTMENT.—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement indicating the conditions with which a State must comply in order to obtain some of the money for farmers' debt adjustment under the Loan (Farmers' Debt Adjustment) Act.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, as at 30th June, 1936; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment of J. E. Morrow, Department of the Interior.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES' GRANTS BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 103.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of the Commonwealth.

Canberra,

1st September, 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. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of the Commonwealth.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

24th September, 1936.

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

Mr. Casey 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 104.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Canberra,

1st September, 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. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Casey 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.

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

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 105.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two million pounds for Naval Construction, for other Defence purposes and for the Development of Civil Aviation.

Canberra,

21st September, 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. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two million pounds for Naval Construction, for other Defence purposes and for the Development of Civil Aviation.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Casey 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.

24th September, 1936.

9. NORTHERN TERRITORY CLOSER SETTLEMENT.—Mr. Aubrey Abbott moved, pursuant to notice, That this House declares that closer settlement of the good lands of the Northern Territory is of urgent national importance, and requests the Government to open a port in the Gulf of Carpentaria, which would be available for all classes of shipping.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thompson 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 Thursday, the 15th October.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day, General Business, were called on, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

10. MATRIMONIAL DOMICIL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Blackburn :—That, having regard to the fact that, by reason of the non-enactment of appropriate Commonwealth legislation, the divorce court of each State must deny relief to a petitioner who, though domiciled in Australia is not domiciled in that State, this House is of opinion that legislation should be forthwith introduced to provide for a Commonwealth Matrimonial Domicil—

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin	Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Clark	Mr. Prowse	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Forde	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Frost	Mr. Street	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Garden	Mr. Ward	Mr. Lane	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Gregory		Mr. Lyons	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. J. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Holt	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson
Mr. James	Mr. Mulcahy		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. REFERENDUM, INITIATIVE AND RECALL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. W. Maloney :—

(1) That, in view of the following facts, namely—

- (a) that the people of Australia are overtaxed without their permission by vote ;
 (b) that the estimated wealth of Australia, public and private, is £5,000,000,000 as compared with Australia when owned by the aborigines ;
 (c) that the people are born, live for a time, and die, without being directly benefited by such wealth ;
 (d) that the time has arrived when, to prevent Fascism and similar evils, the people should have the power of control over the Government,

it is the opinion of this House that the Referendum, Initiative and Recall should be included in the Commonwealth Constitution, and in so far as it is necessary to give to the people full powers to initiate legislation the Constitution should be amended.

(2) That, contingent upon the passing of such motion, it be an instruction to the Government of the day to bring in a Bill and take such further action as is necessary to carry into effect this resolution—

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin	Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Fiskin	Mr. Nock
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Garden		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander	Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. McBride	

And so it was negatived.

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

[*Loan Appropriation Bill (1936)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 136.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Expending of a certain Sum of Money*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th September, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1936-37*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 137.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th September, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

13. PRIMARY PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATION TO CONTROL MARKETING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bernard Corser:—That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that constitutional alterations be provided to permit of the organization of primary producers on an Australian basis, with complete sectional control of internal and external marketing of each primary product, such control to be exercised exclusively by the organized producers of such commodity enabling them to speak with one voice and authority in regard to any arrangement which may be deemed by them to be necessary to conserve their interests—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "basis" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "to control internal and external marketing of primary produce" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. A. G. Cameron 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, 34.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	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. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 23.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. James	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Further question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—proposed.

Debate continued.

Mr. Forde addressing the House—

Closure moved.—Mr. A. G. Cameron moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Forde addressing the House—

Closure moved.—Mr. Roland Green moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Forde addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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Ordered--That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 15th October.

The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, Government Business was called on.

14. WAYS AND MEANS ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].--Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means--

Question proposed--That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question--put and negatived.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT.--Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question--put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past 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. Baker, Mr. Blain, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Menzies, and Mr. Riordan.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.