THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE

No. 114.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH 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. Death of the Hon. Thomas Glassey.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Thomas Glassey, a former Member of the Commonwealth and Queensland Parliaments, and the Federal Council of Australasia, records its appreciation of his public services, and tenders to the members of his family its deep sympathy in their bereavement.

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

Question—passed. Resolved—That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted to the relatives of the late Mr. Glassey, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.

- 3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.-Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow. Question—put and passed.
- 4. PAPER. -The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute-Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1935-36. Ordered to be printed.
- 5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—BOOK CENSORSHIP.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement concerning the policy of the Government in regard to Book Censorship.
- 6. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute— Census and Statistics Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 127. Lands Acquisition Act-Land acquired at Maylands, Western Australia-For Defence purposes.
- 7. 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 :-

Governor-General.

Message No. 111.

Proposed Laws intituled:-

" Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1936"
" Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1936" " Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1936" " Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1936" "Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1936"
"Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1936" " Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1936" " Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1936" " Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1936"

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.

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North Sydney, 29th September, 1936.

8. WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading-Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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.)

Clauses 1 to 11 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thorby, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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9. Orange Bounty Bill (No. 2) (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Beasley 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. PRUNE BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading— Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 662) the Bill was read a third time.

11. Apple and Pear Bounty Bill (No. 2) (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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 666) the Bill was read a third time.

12. Message from the Senate.—Sales Tax Exemptions Bill (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:-

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 139.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th September, 1936.

- 13. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.
- 14. Supply [Budget Debate].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I .-The Senate—namely-

Salaries and allowances £7,900

be agreed to.

Mr. Brennan addressing the Committee and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B-

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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. Lyons, Sir Archdale Parkhill, and Mr. Riordan.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.