

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 116.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1936.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE A. S. RODGERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Arthur Stanislaus Rodgers, a former Member of the House of Representatives and Commonwealth Minister of State, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service, and tenders to his widow and family its profound sympathy in their bereavement.
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Scholfield having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the widow of the deceased the foregoing Resolution, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 141.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wool Tax Assessment Act 1936'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 1st October, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. RIORDAN).—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Riordan), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—MIGRATION.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the consideration of the question of the resumption of Migration to Australia. Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 112.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Sales Tax Exemptions Act 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 Law.

Admiralty House,

North Sydney, 2nd October, 1936.

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 113.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Wool Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 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 Law.

Admiralty House,

North Sydney, 3rd October, 1936.

7th October, 1936.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Apple and Pear Bounty Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 128.
 Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 126.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—H. C. Hughes, E. C. Jackson, Department of the Interior.
 Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 132.

8. ORANGE 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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce), the following amendment was made:—
 Page 2, lines 29–32, omit all words after “and”, insert “that the payment, if any, made to the grower or his agent for the oranges included an amount which represents the bounty paid in respect of the oranges”.

Mr. Thorby moved, as a further amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause:—
 “(3.) Where the grower of the oranges exports the oranges through an agent, the bounty may be paid to the agent, who shall be liable to account therefor to the grower.”

On the motion of Mr. Beasley, the proposed amendment was amended by omitting the words “to account”.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 11 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thorby (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 661), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
10. SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT 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.
 Mr. Nairn 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.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 22 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 23, Government Business.
12. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read, and, on the motion of Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence), discharged, after debate:—
 Resignation of Minister for Health and Repatriation (The Right Honorable W. M. Hughes)
 —Correspondence—Motion for Printing Paper.—Resumption of debate upon the motion of Mr. Lyons, That the Paper be printed.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
 And then the House, at sixteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Barnard, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hunter, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Riordan*, and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

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