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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1937.

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. STATEMENT BY MEMBER—BROADCASTING BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the acceptance by him of the invitation extended by the Government to broadcast over the National Broadcasting Stations.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CROWN CRYSTAL GLASS CO.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the closing down by the Crown Crystal Glass Co. of a section of its works.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. Hutchinson brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

*Department of Health—Summary of Activities.

Electoral—Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the submission to the Electors of Proposed Laws for the alteration of the Constitution, entitled (1) " Constitution Alteration (Aviation) 1936 " ; (2) " Constitution Alteration (Marketing) 1936 " ; together with Summaries of Referendums, 1906–1937.

Fibre Plants and their suitability for Commercial Production in Australia—Report by Professor A. E. V. Richardson and Dr. B. T. Dickson, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, dated 5th November, 1936.

Northern Territory—Report on Administration for 1935–36.

Oil from Coal—Second Report of Committee appointed to inquire into question of establishing a plant in Australia for production of oil from coal by hydrogenation process.

Oil Production from Coal viewed from an Australian standpoint—Report by Sir David Rivett, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

Papua—Annual Report for 1935–36.

Postmaster-General's Department—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, 1935–36.

Superannuation Act—Fourteenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1935–36.

Unemployment Insurance in Australia—Report by Mr. Godfrey H. Ince, Chief Insurance Officer, Ministry of Labour, London.

* Presented to House of Representatives only.

WILLIAM J. HUTCHINSON.

House of Representatives Committee Room,
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Mr. Hutchinson moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Axe Handles.

Crochet Hooks manufactured from Casein, Celluloid and similar materials.

Cycle Tubing ; Wrought Iron and Steel Pipes n.e.i.

Fruit Juices n.e.i. and Fruit Syrups, non-spirituos.

Iron and Steel Galvanized Telescopic Flush Pipes of 1¼ inches or 1½ inches internal diameter.

Non-spirituos Preparations, viz. :—Flavouring, Essences, Extracts and Ethers ; Fruit Aromas.

Oilmen's Stores, n.e.i., being Groceries, including Soap Dyes and Condition Foods, n.e.i. ;

Food for Birds (excepting canary seed and mixtures containing canary seed) ; Goods put up for household use, n.e.i. ; Goods n.e.i. put up for retail sale.

Spirits for manufacture of Scents, Toilet Preparations and Essences.

Spirituos Preparations (non-medicinal), viz. :—Essences, Extracts, Fruit Ethers, Aromas and Flavours, Lime Juice and other Fruit Juices and Fruit Syrups, Spirituous Preparations n.e.i.

Textile Boot and Shoe Linings imitating leather.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute --

Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 70.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INTER-STATE COMMISSION BILL (1937).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to make provision for the Inter-State Commission and for other purposes* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th June, 1937.

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) 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.

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

[Supply Bill (No. 1) 1937–38]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

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-eight* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th June, 1937.

[Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1937)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th June, 1937.

8. MEDICAL RESEARCH ENDOWMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes (Minister for Health) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Forde 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 a later hour this day.

9. FEDERAL AID ROADS AND WORKS BILL.—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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 56) the Bill was read a third time.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 5.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Supply Act (No. 1) 1937-38*" 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.

Government House,
Canberra, 30th June, 1937.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY. —Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6.
12. PRIMARY PRODUCERS RELIEF BILL (1937).—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.

Mr. A. G. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That clause 2 be amended by adding at the end thereof the following :—

"and (b) by omitting the words 'during the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six,' and inserting in their stead the words 'for harvesting between the first day of August and the thirty-first day of July next following in the case of grain crops'".

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Prowse) ruled the amendment out of order, as it would increase the amount of the appropriation required.

Debate continued.

Bill agreed to.

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 been previously suspended, *see* page 58) the Bill was read a third time.

13. MEDICAL RESEARCH ENDOWMENT BILL.—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. E. J. Harrison 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.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Thomas Pateison (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past 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. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Fiske, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McBride, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Archdale Parkhill, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Scully, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.