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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 68.

THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1938.

1. The House met, at half-past four o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. EUROPEAN REFUGEES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to admit into Australia during the next three years 15,000 European refugees, and announced the conditions under which permits would be granted.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Political Refugees from Germany (including Austria)—Intergovernmental Committee, Evian, July, 1938—
Report of Proceedings.
Report of Australian Delegation.
4. STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement with reference to the proposals for the admission into Australia of European refugees.
5. THE LATE HONORABLE C. A. S. HAWKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Hawker, mother of the late Honorable C. A. S. Hawker, a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
6. 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 :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Land Tax Act 1938* ”

“ *Income Tax Assessment Act 1938* ”

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.

Government House,

Canberra, 30th November, 1938.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1938-39.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 53.

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 the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 1st December, 1938, a.m.

8. PRIMARY PRODUCE EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1938.—Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Primary Produce Export Charges Act 1935-1937*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Thompson 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.

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9. STATES GRANTS (FERTILIZER) BILL 1938.—Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Fertilizer) Act 1937*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Thompson 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.
10. APPLE AND PEAR TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1938.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) for Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Apples and Pears and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
11. MOTOR INDUSTRY BOUNTY BILL 1938.—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 by Mr. Forde who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—“the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted and re-introduced without delay to provide for the extension of the bounty system to the production of motor car engines and chassis of motor vehicles”.
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Baker	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Collins	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Corser	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Clark	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Francis	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Frost	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Street	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White	Mr. Mahoney	
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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—

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

The House resumed: Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MOTOR INDUSTRY BOUNTY BILL 1938.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 54.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 amendments to be moved by the Minister for Trade and Customs in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Parts of Motor Vehicles.

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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.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Minister for Trade and Customs in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Parts of Motor Vehicles.

Question - put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Perkins, by leave, was adopted by the House.

13. MOTOR INDUSTRY BOUNTY BILL 1938.--The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House--

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7--

On the motion of Mr. Perkins (Minister for Trade and Customs), the following amendments were made :--

Page 2, line 19, after " production " insert " , during the period of bounty specified in the Schedule, ".

Page 2, lines 21-22, omit " during the period of bounty specified in the Schedule ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 23 agreed to.

Proposed new clause--

Mr. Forde moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :--

" 20A.--(1.) The Minister may make application to the Chief Judge, or a Judge, of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or to any Commonwealth authority established for the purpose of determining rates of wages and conditions of employment, for a declaration as to what rates of wages and conditions of employment are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of such parts of motor vehicles as are specified in the Schedule.

(2.) Every person who claims the bounty payable under this Act shall, in making such claims, furnish to the Minister such evidence as the Minister requires as to the rates of wages paid, and the conditions of employment observed, in respect of any labour employed in the production of such parts of motor vehicles as are specified in the Schedule.

(3.) If the Minister finds that the rates of wages or conditions of employment, or any of them, paid or observed in respect of any labour employed in the production of such parts of motor vehicles as are specified in the Schedule--

(a) are below the rates and conditions declared, in pursuance of sub-section (1.) of this section, to be fair and reasonable ; or

(b) are below the standard rates and conditions prescribed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or by any other industrial authority of the Commonwealth or a State,

the Minister may withhold the whole or any part of the bounty payable.

(4.) If--

(a) the Chief Judge, or a Judge, of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration has not declared, in accordance with sub-section (1.) of this section, what rates of wages and conditions of employment are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of such parts of motor vehicles as are specified in the Schedule ; and

(b) there are not in force, in the locality where the parts of motor vehicles as are specified in the Schedule are produced, any standard rates and conditions relating to the labour employed in the production of the said parts, prescribed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration or by any industrial authority of a State, or contained in an industrial agreement registered under any law of the Commonwealth or a State,

the Minister may appoint an authority or authorities for determining, for the purposes of this section, rates of wages and conditions of employment which are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of such parts of motor vehicles as are specified in the Schedule, and any authority so appointed shall be deemed to be a Commonwealth authority within the meaning of sub-section (1.) of this section.

(5.) An authority appointed by the Minister under the last preceding sub-section shall consist of a representative of employers engaged in the production of such parts of motor vehicles as are specified in the Schedule, a representative of employees engaged in such production, and a person who shall act as Chairman and who shall be appointed by the Minister on the joint nomination of the representatives of employers and employees :

Provided that, if the representatives of employers and employees fail to make a joint nomination of a Chairman within twenty days after being called upon by the Minister so to do, the Governor-General may appoint a person to act as Chairman."

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Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Mahoney	Mr. Anthony	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Corser	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scully	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Francis	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Frost		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Green	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Street
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Holt	Mr. White
		Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Jolly	Mr. Nock
		Mr. Lane	

And so it was negatived.

Schedule 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. Perkins (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see page 252*), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

14. **NEWSPRINTING PAPER BOUNTY BILL 1938.**—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. Frost 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.

15. **APPLE AND PEAR TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1938.**—Mr. Thompson (Assistant Minister for Commerce), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Apples and Pears and for other purposes*", 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.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past ten 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. Badman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. McCall, Mr. Spender, Mr. Stacey, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins.

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