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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 108.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1930.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. HUGHES).—Mr. Stewart moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one week be given to the Right Honorable Member for North Sydney (Mr. Hughes), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT.—Mr. Tully, for the Chairman, brought up the Fifth 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 Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed:—

Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers, held at Canberra, February, 1930—
Proceedings and Decisions of Conference.

Nauru—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru during the year 1929.

New Guinea—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from 1st July, 1928, to 30th June, 1929.

Report of the Commissioner-General for the Commonwealth of Australia in the United States of America, for the year 1929.

Development and Migration Act—Development and Migration Commission—Report, with Appendices, for period January, 1929, to 30th June, 1930.

War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission, together with Statements and Balance-sheet, year ended 30th June, 1930.

Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for the year ended 30th June, 1930.

†Stability of Currency—Memorandum prepared by Mr. C. H. Wickens, Commonwealth Statistician and Actuary.

*Tobacco-growing Industry in Australia—Report from House of Representatives Select Committee, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

*Public Service—Statement showing alterations in salaries and conditions of employment of non-members of Public Service organizations resulting from the restriction of Arbitration benefits, and the application of Public Service Regulations to non-members from the 1st June, 1930.

*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1929.

*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1929-30.

* Presented to House of Representatives only.

† Presented to Senate only.

Senate Committee Room,
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JAMES T. TULLY,
for Chairman.

Mr. Tully moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

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4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua Act—Ordinance of 1930—No. 4—Native Offenders Exclusion.
5. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1930).—Mr. Beasley (Honorary Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1930*, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
6. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1930).—Mr. Anstey (Minister for Health and Repatriation) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal Sections Forty-five N and Forty-five P of the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920–1929* and to enact other sections in lieu thereof.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Anstey 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.
Mr. Anstey moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Latham 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.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 9, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10.
8. GOLD BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Gregory 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. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1930).—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—
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. Mackay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Anstey (Minister for Health and Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 1A) (1930).—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. Mackay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer), the House adopted the Report and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 2A) (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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. Mackay reported accordingly.

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

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12. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3B) (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adopted the Report and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 4A) (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adopted the Report and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5A) (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adopted the Report and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 6A) (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adopted the Report and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 7A) (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adopted the Report and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 8A) (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.

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

18. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 9A) (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 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. Mackay reported accordingly.

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

19. PATENTS BILL (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beasley (Honorary Minister) 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 5 agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr. W. Maloney moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill —

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in this or any other Act, it shall be mandatory that in connexion with any patent taken out for any improvement or invention in machinery from the 1st January, 1931, the Commonwealth Government shall be registered as owning one-half the rights of such patent or improvement of a patent, and that any profits arising therefrom shall be earmarked for the payment of the National Debt.

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

First and second Schedules agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate —

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 88.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1930'," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 10th December, 1930.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

21. GOLD BOUNTY BILL (1930).—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. Keane 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.

22. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1930).—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 1, after clause 1, insert the following new clause :—

1A. Section sixteen of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in the first proviso to paragraph (d) after the word "licence" (first occurring) the words "or, if that lease is a lease of land, in effecting any improvements on the leased land".

What is included in income.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer), the Amendment was agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adopted the Report.

23. GOLD BOUNTY BILL (1930).—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. Jones 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.

24. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Brennan*, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. James*, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Parker Moloney*, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Scullin*, and Mr. West*.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.