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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

FRIDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1932.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance 1931-32—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1932, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Imperial Economic Conference (Ottawa, 1932)—Report of the Conference, together with Annexes Nos. I. to V.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Jury Exemption in the Federal Capital Territory—Draft of proposed Regulation.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Ninth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 25th November, 1932.
Ordered to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Gabb rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The reduction in the rate of Wine Export Bounty and its effect upon the fixation of the price of wine grapes".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Gabb moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 65.
The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901-1930'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
The Senate, P. J. LYNCH,
President.
Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.
Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) 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.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1932—
No. 20—Appropriation 1932-33.
No. 21—Customs.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1932—No. 21—Brands.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Notice of variation of plan of lay-out of City and its environs, dated 21st November, 1932.
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 127.

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6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
7. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL [No. 2] (1932).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) 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. Bell reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1932).—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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Lyons (Treasurer), the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 8, omit “ forty ”, insert “ thirty-seven ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, line 37, omit “ sub-section ”, insert “ sub-sections—

(3.) A wife living apart from her husband pursuant to a decree, judgment, order or deed of separation which provides that the husband shall periodically pay specified moneys to the wife shall not be liable to be assessed in respect of those moneys.”.

Page 2, line 38, omit, “ (3.) ”, insert “ (4.) ”.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 3, lines 29–37, leave out all the words from “ entitled ” to the end of the clause and insert in their stead the words “ under sub-section (4.) of this section ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Holman moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause :—

“ (b) by inserting the following proviso—

‘ Provided further that if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioner on an application for a remission of additional tax under this section, the taxpayer may within thirty days after the service by post of notice of that decision in writing, or such further time as may be allowed by the Court on the hearing of the appeal herein provided for, request the Commissioner to treat the matter as an appeal and forward it either to the High Court or to the Supreme Court of a State, and thereupon the Commissioner shall forward it accordingly. Upon the hearing of the appeal the Court may remit the additional tax, or any part thereof. The provisions of sub-sections (2.), (6.), (7.), (8.), (9.) and (10.) of section fifty-one A shall apply to the hearing of any appeal under this section ’.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Clause further debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

New Clauses—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following new clauses were inserted in the Bill, after debate :—

3A. Section twelve of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (4.), after the words “ relating to pensions ”, the words “, or to the ^{Officers to observe secrecy.} Territory for the purpose of the administration of any law of the Director-General of Health for the purpose of the administration of any law of the Territory for the Seat of Government which is administered by the Minister of State for Health.”.

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7A. Section fifty of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :— Objections.

“(5.) The Commissioner may in any case in his discretion and upon reasonable cause being shown by the taxpayer, extend for a further period not exceeding thirty days (a) the period of forty-two days mentioned in sub-section (1.) of this section and (b) the period of thirty days mentioned in sub-section (4.) of this section.”

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

9. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX BILL (1932).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved—

1. That a tax be imposed on income at the following rates :—

Division A.—Rate of Tax upon Income Derived from Personal Exertion.

For the purposes of this Division— T = taxable income in pounds.

If the taxable income does not exceed £6,900, the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income shall be $\left\{ 3 + \frac{T}{160} \right\}$ pence.

If the taxable income exceeds £6,900, the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £6,900 shall be $\left\{ 3 + \frac{6,900}{160} \right\}$ pence. and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £6,900 shall be 90 pence.

Division B.—Rate of Tax upon Income Derived from Property.

For the purposes of this Division— T = taxable income in pounds.

If the taxable income does not exceed £500, the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income shall be $\left\{ 3 + \frac{T}{100} \right\}$ pence.

If the taxable income exceeds £500 but does not exceed £1,500, the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income shall be $\left\{ 1 + \frac{T \times 14}{1,000} \right\}$ pence.

If the taxable income exceeds £1,500 but does not exceed £3,700, the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income shall be $\left\{ 4\frac{3}{4} + \frac{T \times 23}{2,000} \right\}$ pence.

If the taxable income exceeds £3,700, the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income up to and including £3,700 shall be $\left\{ 4\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3,700 \times 23}{2,000} \right\}$ pence. and the rate of tax for every pound of taxable income in excess of £3,700 shall be 90 pence.

Division C.—Rates of Tax in Respect of Taxable Income Derived Partly from Personal Exertion and Partly from Property.

(a) For every pound of taxable income derived from personal exertion, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Division A if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from personal exertion by the amount of the total taxable income.

(b) For every pound of taxable income derived from property, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Division B if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from property by the amount of the total taxable income.

Division D.—Tax payable where amount would otherwise be less than Ten Shillings.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding Divisions, where the amount of income tax which a person would, apart from this Division, be liable to pay is less than Ten shillings, the income tax payable by that person shall be Ten shillings.

Division E.—Rate of Tax Payable by a Trustee.

For every pound of the taxable income in respect of which a trustee is liable to be separately assessed and to pay tax, the rate of tax shall be the rate which would be payable under Division A, B, or C, as the case requires, if one individual were liable to be separately assessed and to pay tax on that taxable income.

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Division F.—Rates of Tax Payable by a Company.

(a) Subject to the last preceding Division and to Divisions G and H for every pound of the taxable income of a company, the rate of tax shall be 16·8 pence.

(b) For every pound of interest paid or credited by the company to any person who is an absentee, in respect of debentures of the company, or on money lodged at interest with the company by such person, the rate of tax shall be 16·8 pence.

Division G.—Rate of Tax Payable by an Individually owned Private Company.

For every pound of the taxable income of an individually owned private company, the rate of tax shall be determined as follows:—

(a) from the total amount of tax which would be payable by the person specified under sub-section (1.) of section twenty-one A of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922–1931* if the taxable income of the company were added to his own taxable income, subtract the amount of tax actually payable by him in respect of his own taxable income; and

(b) divide the amount obtained by the application of the last preceding paragraph by the number of pounds in the taxable income of the company.

Division H.—Rate of Tax Payable by a Severally owned Private Company.

For every pound of the taxable income of a severally owned private company, the rate of tax shall be determined as follows:—

(a) compute the total of the amounts of tax that would be payable by the persons specified under sub-section (1.) of section twenty-one A of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922–1931* if the company were a partnership (other than a severally owned partnership) between those persons with equal interests;

(b) from the total tax obtained by the application of the last preceding paragraph subtract the total of the amounts of tax actually payable by those persons on their own taxable incomes; and

(c) divide the difference obtained by the application of the last preceding paragraph by the number of pounds in the taxable income of the company.

Division I.—Rate of Tax payable by an Individually owned Partnership.

Individually owned partnerships other than Trusts which are partnerships.

For every pound of the taxable income of an individually owned partnership, the rate of tax shall be determined as follows:—

(a) from the total amount of tax which would be payable by the member specified under sub-section (2.) of section twenty-nine of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922–1931* if the taxable income of the partnership were added to his own taxable income, subtract the amount of tax actually payable by him in respect of his own taxable income; and

(b) divide the amount obtained by the application of the last preceding paragraph by the number of pounds in the taxable income of the partnership.

Trusts which are Individually owned Partnerships.

For every pound of the taxable income of a trust which is an individually owned partnership, the rate of tax shall be determined as follows:—

(a) from the amount of tax which would be payable by the person by whom the trust was created if the taxable income of the partnership were added to his own taxable income, subtract the amount of tax actually payable by him in respect of his own taxable income; and

(b) divide the amount obtained by the application of the last preceding paragraph by the number of pounds in the taxable income of the partnership.

Division J.—Rate of Tax Payable by a Severally Owned Partnership.

For every pound of the taxable income of a severally owned partnership, the rate of tax shall be determined as follows:—

(a) compute the total of the amounts of tax that would be payable by the several members specified under sub-section (2.) of section twenty-nine of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922–1931*, if the severally owned partnership were a partnership (other than a severally owned partnership) between those members with equal interests;

(b) from the total tax obtained by the application of the last preceding paragraph subtract the total of the amounts of tax actually payable by those several members on their own taxable incomes; and

(c) divide the difference obtained by the application of the last preceding paragraph by the number of pounds in the taxable income of the partnership.

2. That in addition to any tax provided for in clause 1 of this resolution, there shall be payable upon the taxable income derived by any person—

(a) from property;

(b) by way of interest, dividends, rents or royalties, whether derived from personal exertion or from property; and

(c) in the course of carrying on a business, where the income is of such a class that, if derived otherwise than in the course of carrying on a business, it would be income from property,

a further income tax of ten per centum of the amount of that taxable income.

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3. That the tax provided for in the last preceding clause of this resolution shall not apply to any taxable income derived by any person in consequence of the distribution by that company to its members or shareholders of the income upon which tax is so payable by that company or in consequence of a succession of such distributions through another company or through other companies of that income or any part thereof.

4. That sub-sections (2.) to (13.) inclusive of section thirteen of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1931* shall not apply to tax provided for in clause 2 of this resolution.

5. That tax in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this resolution shall be levied and paid for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

6. That the foregoing provisions of this resolution shall also apply to all assessments for financial years subsequent to that beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two made prior to the passing of the Act for the levying and payment of income tax for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Lyons moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lyons, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lyons and Mr. Latham do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Lyons then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lyons 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. Bell reported accordingly.

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

10. BEACHES, FISHING GROUNDS AND SEA ROUTES PROTECTION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Frederick Stewart (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. Bell reported accordingly.

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

Suspension of Sitting.—At four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At five minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to reduce Taxation ; to remove anomalies in relation to Invalid and Old-age Pensions ; to provide Financial Relief for Wheat Growers and other Primary Producers ; and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

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Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

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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.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 9, clause 21, line 28, after “ writing ” insert “ and except encumbrances created *bona fide* for value before the grant of a pension to the pensioner ”.

No. 2.—Page 11, clause 24, lines 7–9, leave out—

“ who—

(i) is a pensioner ; or

(ii) ”,

insert “ is a pensioner ; or

(c) the father or mother or a child, sister or brother of the pensioner and who ”.

No. 3.—Page 11, clause 24, lines 16–17, leave out “ and sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (b) apply ”, insert “ or (b) applies ”.

No. 4.—Page 11, clause 24, line 18, leave out “ sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (b) ”, insert “ paragraph (c) ”.

No. 5.—Page 12, clause 30, line 21, leave out “ (other than wheatgrowers) ”, insert “ in respect of the production of primary produce other than wheat ”.

No. 6.—Page 12, clause 30, line 22, leave out “ such ”.

No. 7.—Page 12, clause 30, line 22, after “ Territory ” insert “ in respect of that production ”.

No. 8.—Page 12, clause 31, line 25, leave out “ (other than wheatgrowers) ”, insert “ in respect of the production of primary produce other than wheat ”.

No. 9.—Page 12, clause 31, line 27, after “ State ” insert “ in respect of that production ”.

No. 10.—Page 12, clause 31, line 27, leave out “ those ”.

No. 11.—Page 13, clause 33, line 2, leave out “ (not being a wheatgrower) ”, insert “ in respect of the production of primary produce other than wheat ”.

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the Amendments were agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

12. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT BILL.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 30th November last, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to establish a Supreme Court of the Territory for the Seat of Government 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.

13. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 No. 27 of 1932—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.
 No. 28 of 1932—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.
 No. 29 of 1932—Common Rule *re* Compensation for Overtime, Sunday Duty, &c.
 Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 129.

14. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At twenty-five minutes past seven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
 Governor-General.

Message No. 46.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *United Kingdom and Australia Trade Agreement Act 1932*,” 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.

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

[*Colonial Light Dues Collection Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Collection, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of Colonial Light Dues (Bahamas and Leeward Islands)*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Colonial Light Dues (Rates) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Colonial Light Dues*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Colonial Light Dues Appropriation Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 69.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Colonial Light Dues*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*War Service Homes Bill (No. 2) (1932)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section twenty-nine of the ' War Service Homes Act 1918-1929 ' as amended by the ' War Service Homes Act 1932 '*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (No. 2) (1932)*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

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.

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Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Bill (1932)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 72.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Patents, Trade Marks and Designs*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Wheat Bounty (Claims) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 73.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the making of Claims under the ' Wheat Bounty Act 1931 '*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Public Service (No. 2) Bill (1932)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 74.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1931 '*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

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[*Income Tax Bill (1932)*—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 75.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

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Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Beaches, Fishing Grounds and Sea Routes Protection Bill*—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 76.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Protection of Beaches, Sea Fishing Grounds and Routes used by Vessels engaged in Trade and Commerce with other Countries and among the States*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CRIMES BILL (No. 2) (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 77.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Crimes Act 1914-1932'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 78.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1931'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1932.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

19. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

20. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—TOBACCO-GROWING INDUSTRY.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the present position of the Tobacco-growing Industry.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past eight o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Baker, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gullett*, Mr. Guy, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. James, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McBride, Mr. McGrath, Mr. E. C. Riley, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Stacey, Mr. Ward, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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