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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 131.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. 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. 68.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Supply Act (No. 3) 1933-34*," 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, 22nd November, 1933.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE FIFTH REPORT.—Mr. E. F. Harrison, Vice-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 Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Commonwealth and State Ministers—Conference held in Melbourne, June, 1933—Report of Proceedings and Decisions, with Appendices.

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research—Seventh Annual Report for year ended 30th June, 1933.

High Commissioner for Australia in London—Report for 1932.

Nauru—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru during 1932.

New Guinea—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of New Guinea from 1st July, 1931, to 30th June, 1932.

Papua—Annual Report for 1931-32.

Representation Act—

Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Numbers of the People of the Commonwealth and of the several States as at 30th June, 1933.

Determination made by the Chief Electoral Officer of the Representation of the States in the House of Representatives, dated 10th November, 1933.

River Murray Commission—Report for year 1932-33.

E. F. HARRISON,
Vice-Chairman.

Senate Committee Room,
22nd November, 1933.

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

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Superannuation Act—Eleventh Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, 1932-33.

22nd November, 1933.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MIGRANT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 69.

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 a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 20th November, 1933.

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.)

Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Mr. Latham moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the stages, up to and including the first reading, to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Latham 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.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6.
7. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL (1933).—SENATE'S REQUEST.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment requested by the Senate—

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 Amendment requested by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT.

Page 2, clause 5, line 11, leave out "goods specified in the Schedule to this Act", insert "undermentioned goods".

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Requested Amendment be made.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

8. SPIRITS BILL (1933).—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.

(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, clause 2, at end of clause add "and sections three, eleven and twelve of the *Spirits Act* 1906-1923 shall until that date have, and be deemed at all times to have had, effect as if that date were the date fixed by the *Spirits Act* 1932 for the commencement of sections three, four and five of the last-mentioned Act".

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

22nd and 23rd November, 1933.

9. SUPPLY--ESTIMATES, 1933-34. --The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote -- "The Department of Trade and Customs, £498,700" --debated and agreed to.

Vote -- "The Department of Health, £100,800" --agreed to.

Vote -- "The Department of Commerce, £313,340" --debated and agreed to.

Vote -- "Miscellaneous Services, £1,177,970" --

Ordered to be considered by Divisions.

Divisions Nos. 100-101, Under Control of Prime Minister's Department, £135,411, debated.

Mr. Nelson moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight--

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1933.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved--That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Agreement Bill*]--

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand in relation to Preferential Duties of Customs and certain other matters*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd November, 1933.

[*Sales Tax Assessment (New Zealand Imports) Bill*]--

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1930-1933', the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 6) 1930-1933', the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 7) 1930-1933', and the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 8) 1930-1933',*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd November, 1933.

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill (1933)*]--

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand and for other purposes*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd November, 1933.

11. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.--Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until five o'clock p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question--put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT.--Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question--put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at five o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.--All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except--Mr. Anstey, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Roland Green, and Mr. Holman.

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