

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 137.

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1933.

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

2. PAPER. The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Broadcasting Commission Act—First Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian Broadcasting Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1933.

3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question put and passed.

4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT BILL (1933). The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) 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 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

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

Page 2, after the definition of "matter" insert the following definition:—

"Ordinance" means an Ordinance made by the Governor-General in pursuance of the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1933*."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated—

Point of Order.—The honorable Member for Parkes (Mr. Marr) having used an expression concerning the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward), to which Mr. Ward objected and asked for a withdrawal of the expression and an apology.

The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Nairn) directed Mr. Marr to withdraw the expression and to apologize.

Point of Order.—Mr. Ward raised a further Point of Order that the honorable Member had not actually apologized.

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman ruled that sufficient apology had been made.

Dissent from Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Beasley having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Temporary Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Marr again withdrew the expression objected to, and also apologized.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

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5. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL. —Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce), pursuant to leave given on the 30th November, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act relating to Trade and Commerce with other countries and among the States in certain Dairy Produce", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, by leave, 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 the next sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT GROWERS RELIEF 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. 76.

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 provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the Provision of Relief to Wheat Growers and for other purposes.

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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.)

Mr. Lyons (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the Provision of Relief to Wheat Growers and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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. Frederick Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Lyons 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. Lyons moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

7. SILVER AGREEMENT BILL. —The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Casey (Assistant 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 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

8. PATENTS BILL (1933).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) 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. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

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9. FLOUR TAX ASSESSMENT BILL. Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) for Mr. Lyons (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 30th November, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Flour and certain Imported Goods in the manufacture of which Flour has been used*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Casey moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 11 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12.

11. WAYS AND MEANS FLOUR TAX. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved the following motion :

(No. 1.)

That flour tax be imposed at the rate of Four pounds five shillings per ton upon each pound of flour manufactured in Australia by any person and

(a) sold by him on or after the first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, and prior to the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four ;

(b) sold by him before the first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, and delivered by him on or after that date and prior to the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four ; or

(c) used by him on or after the first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, and prior to the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, in the manufacture of goods for sale :

Provided that if, in pursuance of any Act incorporated with the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution, a date is fixed as the last day upon which flour manufactured in Australia by any person and, after the date so fixed, sold or delivered by him, or used by him in the manufacture of goods for sale, shall be subject to tax under the first-mentioned Act, any reference herein to the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four shall be deemed to be a reference to the day next succeeding the date so fixed.

(No. 2.)

That flour tax be imposed at the rate of Four pounds five shillings per ton upon each pound of flour in excess of one thousand pounds held in stock on the first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, by any person not being the manufacturer of that flour.

(No. 3.)

That flour tax be imposed upon flour and upon the goods specified in the Schedule to this Resolution, imported into Australia, and, on or after the commencement of the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution and prior to the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, entered for home consumption under the law relating to the Customs, at the rate of Four pounds five shillings per ton in respect of each pound of that flour and in respect of each pound of flour used in the manufacture of those goods :

Provided that if in pursuance of any Act incorporated with the Act passed to give effect to this resolution a date is fixed as the last day upon which that flour and those goods shall be subject to tax under the first-mentioned Act any reference herein to the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, shall be deemed to be a reference to the day next succeeding the date so fixed.

THE SCHEDULE.

Macaroni ;
Vermicelli ;
Spaghetti ;
Biscuits ;
Cakes ;
Gluten bread ;
Gluten flour ;
Diabetic bread ;
Diabetic flour ;
Benger's food ;
Passover bread ;
Cold water pastes ;
Starch.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

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13. ASHMORE AND CARTIER ISLANDS ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) 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. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1933).—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. Nairn reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY. Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7.

16. SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1933).—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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Beasley, viz.:* 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 redrafted to provide that financial assistance shall be for the sole purpose of relief of unemployment"

Debate resumed.

Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 6, 8 and 9 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10.

18. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1933).—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. Nairn reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1933).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 113.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to Duties of Customs," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the modifications made by the House in Requests for Amendments Nos. 4, 16 and 28.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith as amended by the House of Representatives at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,

Canberra, 1st December, 1933.

P. J. LYNCH,

President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Makin, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. E. C. Riley.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.