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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 144.

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY, 1934.

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. **MARTIN BY-ELECTION—WITHDRAWAL OF WRIT.**—Mr. Speaker announced that, consequent upon the impending Dissolution of the House of Representatives, he proposed to withdraw the Writ issued by him on the 21st June last, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Martin.
3. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—GARDEN ISLAND.**—Mr. Josiah Francis (Assistant Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to certain allegations made by the honorable Member for East Sydney concerning naval administration at Garden Island.
4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—GERMAN DEBTS.**—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding German Debts.
5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.**—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) laid on the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—  
Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1934—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
6. **ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Beasley 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 failure of the Government to safeguard the interests of the Australian wool industry, by granting permits for the export of stud sheep to competitive wool-producing countries".  
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. Beasley moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Baker  
Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Blakeley  
Mr. Forde  
Mr. Albert Green  
Mr. James  
Mr. George Lawson  
Mr. Makin  
Mr. W. Maloney  
Mr. Riordan  
Mr. Rosevear  
Mr. Scullin  
Mr. Ward  
Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander  
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 48.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lane
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Marr
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McBride
Mr. Dein	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

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7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Blacktown, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.  
Nauru—Ordinances of 1933—  
No. 11—Appropriation (Supplemental) 1932.  
No. 12—Nauru Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation (Supplemental) 1932.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, Government Business.
9. COLONIAL LIGHT DUES COLLECTION BILL (1934).—Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Colonial Light Dues Collection Act 1932*.  
Question—put and passed.
10. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1934).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922–1933*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Casey 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. 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.
11. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister) withdrew Notice of Motion No. 3 standing in his name for leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908–1933*.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
13. WAR SERVICE HOMES (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Josiah Francis (Minister administering War Service Homes) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Makin 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. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Perkins :—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of South Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. G. P. Howie, J. H. McNamara and G. E. Willson, Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 28th day of June, 1934, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report be adopted—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Earle Page, viz. :—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—*  
“ consideration of the approval of the distribution as proposed be postponed pending an amendment of section ten of the *Representation Act 1905* by omitting therefrom all words after ‘ division ’ and inserting in their stead the following words :—  
‘ in the case of a State having ten or more Members there is a remainder greater than one-half of the quota, one more Member shall be chosen in the State, and, in the case of a State having less than ten Members, there is a remainder greater than .3 of the quota, one more Member shall be chosen in the State ’ ”.  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bell	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Casey	Mr. Marr
Mr. Dein	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Rosevear
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Ward
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. James	Tellers:
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner

Noes, 23.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	Tellers:
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. McBride	Mr. Stacey

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

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15. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. J. E. Stewart, J. P. Harvey and R. Anthony, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 28th day of June, 1934; and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report be adopted, with the exception that the name "Griffith" be substituted for the name "Oxley".

Mr. Baker moved, as an amendment, That the word "Griffith" be omitted with a view to the insertion of "Brisbane South" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

16. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. V. F. Turner, H. B. Mathews and C. H. U. Todd, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 28th day of June, 1934; and that the names of the Divisions, including the substitution of the name "Watson" for the name "South Sydney", suggested in the report, be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

17. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. F. W. Parkinson, P. Campbell and H. McTaggart, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 28th day of June, 1934; and that the names of the Divisions, including the substitution of the name "Mernda" for the name "Echuca", suggested in the report be adopted, with the exception that the name "Deakin" be substituted for the name "Gardiner" in the new Metropolitan Division.

Mr. Gibson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following in lieu thereof:—"this House disapproves of the distribution of the State of Victoria as proposed by the Distribution Commission, and requests the Minister to return the same to the Commission with the view of a fresh distribution being made of this State, having regard to community of interests and the margin of allowance provided for in Section 19 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act*."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Bell	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Marr	Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Dein	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McBride
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Price	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Forde	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Frederick Stewart	Mr. Gander	Mr. Prowse
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Guy		Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gabb	Mr. E. F. Harrison	
Mr. Latham	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Hawker	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McNicoll
		Mr. James	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Motion, as amended, viz. :—That this House disapproves of the distribution of the State of Victoria as proposed by the Distribution Commission, and requests the Minister to return the same to the Commission with the view of a fresh distribution being made of this State, having regard to community of interests and the margin of allowance provided for in Section 19 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act*—agreed to.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL (1934).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 153.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th July, 1934.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

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19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Martens, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Nock.

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