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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1935.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 14th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES AND CHANGE IN MINISTRY.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that during the absence from Australia of the Prime Minister and Treasurer (Mr. Lyons), he (Mr. Earle Page) would be Acting Prime Minister, and the Assistant Treasurer (Mr. Casey) would be Acting Treasurer. Mr. Earle Page also announced that during the absence of the Attorney-General (Mr. Menzies) Senator Brennan would be Acting Attorney-General, and would be represented in the House by the Vice-President of the Executive Council (Mr. Hughes).  
The House was also informed that in the absence of the Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties (Sir Henry Gullett) his duties would be carried out by the Minister for Trade and Customs (Mr. White), and that in the absence of the Minister in charge of War Service Homes (Mr. Thorby) his duties would be carried out by the Minister without portfolio (Mr. Hunter).  
Mr. Earle Page also announced that Sir Charles Marr (Honorary Minister) retired from the Ministry on 31st December, 1934.
3. DEATH OF SENATOR SIR WALTER KINGSMILL.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator Sir Walter Kingsmill, Kt., B.A., a former Member of the Western Australian Parliament and Minister of State of Western Australia, and at the time of his decease a member of the Senate of the Commonwealth Parliament, of which he had been President, places on record its high appreciation of his long career of distinguished public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow in her bereavement.  
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
4. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE A. POYNTON.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its regret at the death of the Honorable Alexander Poynton, O.B.E., a former Member of the South Australian and Commonwealth Parliaments, and a former Minister of State of South Australia and of the Commonwealth, places on record its high appreciation of his notable public service, extending over many years, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Beasley having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
5. DEATH OF MR. MALCOLM CAMERON.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its regret at the death of Mr. Malcolm Duncan Cameron, a former Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Barker, South Australia, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.

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And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—Question—passed.

6. DEATH OF MRS. PATTIE DEAKIN.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its great regret at the death of Mrs. Pattie Deakin, C.B.E., widow of the Honorable Alfred Deakin, a former Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, places on record its appreciation of her notable work in the interests of soldiers during and after the Great War, and in public charitable and philanthropic movements, and tenders to the members of her family its deep sympathy in their bereavement.

And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—Question—passed.

7. TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RELATIVES OF DECEASED.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit the foregoing Resolutions respectively to the relatives of the several persons specified therein, together with a copy of the speeches delivered in connexion with the Resolutions.  
Question—put and passed.
8. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
9. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

A Proposed Law intituled "Sales Tax Procedure Act 1934", 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, 15th December, 1934.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- "Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1934"
- "Flour Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1934"
- "Flour Tax Act (No. 1) 1934"
- "Flour Tax Act (No. 2) 1934"
- "Flour Tax Act (No. 3) 1934"
- "Wheat Growers Relief Act (No. 2) 1934"
- "Wheat Bounty Act 1934"
- "Northern Australia Survey Act 1934"
- "Sales Tax Assessment (Fiji Imports) Act 1934"
- "War Service Homes Act 1934"
- "Special Annuity Act 1934"
- "Trans-Pacific Flight Appropriation Act 1934"
- "Loan Appropriation (Unemployment Relief) Act 1934"
- "Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1934"

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 Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 17th December, 1934.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WHEAT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the intentions of the Government in regard to Wheat, following upon the receipt of the second report of the Royal Commission on the Wheat, Flour and Bread Industries.
12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Bass Strait Mail Service—New Agreement, dated 20th September, 1934, between the Postmaster-General and Tasmanian Steamers Proprietary Limited.  
Wheat, Flour and Bread Industries—Royal Commission—Second Report.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Electoral Act—Second Reports, with Maps, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing into Electoral Divisions the States of—  
Victoria, and  
Western Australia.  
Reports ordered to be printed.

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13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MEAT EXPORT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding recent developments in connexion with the Australian Meat Export industry.
14. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
- Elections and Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections, 1934 ; the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1934 ; together with Summaries of Elections and Referendums, 1903–1934.
- Elections, 1934—
- Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Elections and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1934, viz. :—
- New South Wales.  
Queensland.  
South Australia.  
Tasmania.  
Victoria.  
Western Australia.
- Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the General Election for the House of Representatives, 1934, for the Northern Territory.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 7.  
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 156.  
Customs Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 1, 2, 4.  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 158.  
Financial Emergency Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 8.  
Flour Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1934—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 163.  
Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Dated 13th December, 1934.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal, telegraphic and other like services, at—  
Lawrence, New South Wales.  
Wagin, Western Australia.  
Nationality Act—Return for 1934.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—  
Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 159, 160, 161, 162.  
Statutory Rules 1935, No. 6.  
Navigation Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—  
Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 151, 153.  
Statutory Rules 1935, Nos. 13, 14.  
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances of 1934—  
No. 23.—State Children.  
No. 24.—Mining (No. 2).  
No. 25.—Dentists Registration.  
No. 26.—School Committee.  
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 3.  
Public Service Act—  
Appointments—  
H. L. Carruthers, P. L. Clarke, L. A. Maclean, K. N. Welch, Department of Health.  
H. Davies, E. S. Edmiston, Attorney-General's Department.  
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 18.  
Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 11.  
Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 12.  
Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 154.  
Sales Tax Procedure Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 155.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances of 1934—  
No. 25—Companies (Receiver and Manager).  
No. 26—Matrimonial Causes.  
Ordinances of 1935—  
No. 1—City Area Leases.  
No. 2—Advisory Council.  
No. 3—Traffic.  
No. 4—Juvenile Offenders (Detention).  
Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 9.
15. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) 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 serious drift in our overseas trade imperilling the trade balance and employment in Australian industries."
- 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. Scullin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Closure.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the question be now put.
- Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride	Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Garden	Mr. Watkins
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street	Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Maxwell			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Garden	Mr. Watkins	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Street
		Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

16. THE LATE M. RAYMOND POINCARÉ AND THE LATE M. LOUIS BARTHOU.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication conveying the sincere thanks of the Government of the French Republic for the Resolutions of Sympathy passed by the House on the occasion of the deaths of Monsieur Raymond Poincaré and Monsieur Louis Barthou.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Mr. Lazzarini rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride	Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Garden	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Street	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White		
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Maxwell			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn.—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
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Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Curtin, Mr. Fiskin, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Thorby.

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