THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 82.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1936.

- The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr: Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petition.—Mr. Holloway presented a Petition from 1,600 members of the Old-age and Invalid Pensioners' League of Victoria, praying for the restoration of the amounts deducted from invalid and old-age pensions under the Financial Emergency legislation.

 Petition received and read.
- 3. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, General Business—
 Disallowance of Statutory Rule.—Resumption of debate upon the following motion of Mr.
 Gregory:—That Statutory Rule No. 19 of 1935, amending the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations, be disallowed—
 was discharged, on the motion, by leave, of Mr. Gregory.
- 4. Adjournment-Motion for Purpose of Discussion.—Mr. Blain 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 passing through the New Guinea Legislative Council of a Bill dealing with the control of Shipping".

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. Blain moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

5. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 28.

Public Service Act-

Appointments of P. R. Heydon, T. Mathew, and A. T. Stirling, Department of External Affairs.

Twelfth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 11th December, 1935.

6. Message from the Governor-General.—Primary Producers Relief Bill (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 75.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 the amendments to be made upon Request by the Senate, in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Primary Producers Relief Act* 1935.

Canberra, 17th March, 1936.

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of the amendments to be made upon Request by the Senate, in a Bill for an Act to amend the Primary Producers Relief Act 1935.

Question—put and passed. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thorby, by leave, was adopted by the House.

7. PRIMARY PRODUCERS RELIEF BILL (1936).—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the

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 requested by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

No. 1.—Page 1, after clause 2, insert the following new clause:—

"2a. Section five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word Conditions of Payment."

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 3, line 16, after "amended" insert "—(a)".

No. 3.—Page 1, clause 3, at end of clause add "; and (b) by omitting the word 'October' and inserting in its stead the word 'December'.".

On the motion of Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce), the Requested Amendments were made, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Thorby, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

8. Message from the Governor-General.—Apple and Pear Bounty Bill.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 76.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Apples and Pears from the Commonwealth.

Canberra, 17th March, 1936.

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. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Apples and Pears from the Commonwealth.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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9. Messages from the Senate.—Mr, Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:-

[Wheat Growers Relief Bill (1936)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 105.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to Wheat Growers", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH.

The Senate,

Canberra, 18th March, 1936.

[Primary Producers Relief Bill (1936)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 106.

President.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Primary Producers Relief Act 1935'", 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,

The Senate,

Canberra, 18th March, 1936.

President.

10. Message from the Governor-General.—Prune Bounty Bill.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:-

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 77.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Prunes from the Commonwealth.

Canberra, 11th March, 1936.

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. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Prunes from the Commonwealth.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby, was adopted by the House.

Ordered-That Mr. Thorby and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thorby 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. Thorby 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

- 11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
- 12. Orange Bounty Bill (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Acting 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

13. MEAT EXPORT CONTROL BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Acting 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

14. Messages from the Senate.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[Apple and Pear Bounty Bill]—

Mr. SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Apples and Pears from the Commonwealth", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH.

The Senate:

Canberra, 18th March, 1936.

[Orange Bounty Bill (1936)]---

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 108.

President.

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The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Oranges from the Commonwealth", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,

The Senate,

Canberra, 18th March, 1936.

[Prune Bounty Bill]—

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 109.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Prunes from the Commonwealth", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,

The Senate,

Canberra, 18th March, 1936.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

15. Suspension of Standing Order No. 70—Leave to Move Not Granted.—Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) asked leave to move, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this sitting.

16. Adjournment.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Brennan, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. Menzies, and Mr. Earle Page.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.