

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 138.

TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1936.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*States' Grants Bill* (1936)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 153.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of the Commonwealth*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 20th November, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

[*Defence Equipment Bill* (1936)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 154.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two million pounds for Naval Construction, for other Defence purposes and for the Development of Civil Aviation*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 20th November, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

[*Trade Agreement (Czechoslovakia) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 155.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve a Treaty of Commerce made between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Czechoslovak Republic, the Final Protocol to that Treaty, and Undertakings given in relation to that Treaty*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 20th November, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

[*Trade Agreement (Belgium) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 156.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve a Provisional Commercial Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Belgium and Undertakings given in relation to that Agreement*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 20th November, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

24th November, 1936.

[Trade Agreement (South Africa) Bill]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 157.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement between His Majesty's Governments in the Union of South Africa and the Commonwealth of Australia in relation to Duties of Customs", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 20th November, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Undressed Timber, viz., Douglas Fir. Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1935–36.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 152, 153.
Meat Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 155.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 154.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 121.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- "States' Grants Act 1936"
"Defence Equipment Act 1936"
"Trade Agreement (Czechoslovakia) Act 1936"
"Trade Agreement (Belgium) Act 1936"
"Trade Agreement (South Africa) Act 1936"

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, 23rd November, 1936.

5. STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER ADOPTION BILL.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), for Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the adoption of sections two, three, four, five and six of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, and for other purposes. Question—put and passed.
6. COLONIAL LIGHT DUES COLLECTION BILL (1936).—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), for Mr. Thorby (Assistant 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 1932–1934* and for other purposes. Question—put and passed.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 122.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of the Commonwealth in the provision of Assistance to persons out of employment.

Canberra, 23rd November, 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. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of the Commonwealth in the provision of Assistance to persons out of employment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

24th November, 1936.

Question—put and passed.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Sir Henry Gullett do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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, 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.*)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

7. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 6)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 22nd May, 1936 (pages 622–626)].

General debate ensued on the first Item.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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. Baker, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Forde, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Stacey, Mr. Thorby, Mr. Ward, and Mr. D. O. Watkins.

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