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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1926.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.— Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.— Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE) BILL.—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. Charlton, 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the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn with a view to eliminating Clause 2 and substituting therefor the following—
 2. Section fifty-one of the Constitution is altered—
 - (a) by omitting from paragraph (i.) the words 'with other countries, and among the States';
 - (b) by omitting from paragraph (xxxv.) the words 'Conciliation and arbitration for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State' and inserting in their stead the words—

'Labour, and employment, and unemployment, including—

 - (a) the terms and conditions of labour and employment in any trade, industry, occupation, or calling;
 - (b) the rights and obligations of employers and employees;
 - (c) strikes and lockouts;
 - (d) the maintenance of industrial peace; and
 - (e) the settlement of industrial disputes'; and
 - (c) by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph—

'(xl.) Trusts, Corporations, combinations, monopolies and arrangements in relation to—

 - (a) the production, manufacture, or supply of goods, or the supply of services; or
 - (b) the ownership of the means of production, manufacture or supply of goods, or supply of services.'"

Debate resumed.

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 a later hour this day.

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

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 23.

A Bill intituled "*Oil Agreement Act 1926*," 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 Act.

Sydney, 2nd June, 1926.

4th June, 1926.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2.
6. **WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), by leave, withdrew Notice of Motion No. 2 standing in his name for leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Surplus Revenue Act 1910*, to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes.
7. **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of 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 amend the *Surplus Revenue Act 1910*, to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 3rd June, 1926.

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. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Surplus Revenue Act 1910*, to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Sir Neville Howse do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Scullin 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.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Corser*, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.