THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES. OF

TUESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1926.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM OLIVER ARCHIBALD.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 28th instant, of the Honorable William Oliver Archibald, moved, by leave, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of the Honorable W. O. Archibald, who was formerly a Member of the House of Representatives, and this House expresses its appreciation of the enthusiasm and zeal with which he devoted himself to his public duties, and tenders its profound sympathy to his wife and family in their great sorrow.

And Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence-

Question-passed. Resolved-That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. Archibald the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.

3. 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. 31.

A Bill intituled "Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration 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, 25th June, 1926.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS-REPORT.-Mr. Mackay, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :-

> Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed erection of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Hobart, Tasmania.

Ordered, after debate, to be printed.

- 5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT-MIGRATION.-Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to Migration.
- 6. PAPERS.-The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General-

Papuan Oilfields-Drilling Programme for deepening No. 3 Bore at Popo.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Arbitration (Public Service) Act-Determinations by the Arbitrator-

No. 15 of 1926-Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 16 of 1926-Line Inspectors' Association.

No. 17 of 1925—Australian Postal Electricians' Union. No. 18 of 1926—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 19 of 1926-Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 20 of 1926—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1926, No. 66.

Excise Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1926, No. 70.

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7. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1926)-SENATE'S REQUESTS. - The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate (see page 199)---

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Requested Amendment No. 15-

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), That the requested amendment be not made.

Question-put and passed. Requested Amendment No. 15 not made. Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly. Ordered-That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

8. DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATION 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-

Debate resumed.

Mr. R. W. Foster, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered-That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. 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. 32.

A Bill intituled "Referendum (Constitution Alteration) 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, 28th June, 1926.

10. 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. 33.

A Bill intituled "Supply Act (No. 1) 1926-27", 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.

Melbourne, 29th June, 1926.

- 11. CUSTOMS TARIFY BILL (1926)-SENATE'S REQUESTS.-The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the Whole-
 - Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Senate's Requested Amendments Nos. 4, 8, and 14 be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of certain consequential modifications.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

On recommittal—

Requested Amendment No. 4-

Mr. Pratten moved, That the following further consequential modification be made : Before sub item (C) insert "And on and after 25th March, 1926".

Question-put and passed.

Question-put and passed. Requested Amendment No. S-

Mr. Pratten moved, That the following consequential modifications be made :--Before sub-item (E) insert—" And on and after 4th March, 1926". Before sub-item (F) insert—" And on and after 4th March, 1926".

Requested Amendment No. 14-

Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.

Resolutions to be further reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the House adopted the Reports. Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

- PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute— Export Guarantee Act—Return showing Reports, Recommendations, and Assistance granted up to 24th June, 1926.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at eleven minutes past ten 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. Anstey*, Mr. Bell, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Corser*, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. Lister, Mr. Makin, Mr. Manning, Mr. Nelson, Mr. E. C. Riley, Sir Granville Rvric, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.
 * On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN, Clerk-Assistant, • for Clerk of the House of Representatives.