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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 72

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 23RD JULY, 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. ELECTORAL ACT—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—

(1) That, notwithstanding the resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives on the 17th March, 1926, at any meeting of the Joint Committee on Electoral Law and Procedure, one Member of the House of Representatives, sitting with three other Members of the Committee, shall constitute a quorum, provided that in such quorum both Houses shall be represented.

(2) That the above resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.

Question—put and passed.

3. PETROLEUM PROSPECTING BILL (No. 2) 1926.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL ACT—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution, which was this day agreed to by the Senate :—

That, notwithstanding the resolution agreed to by the Senate on the 4th March, 1926, at any meeting of the Joint Committee on Electoral Law and Procedure, one Member of the Senate, sitting with three other Members of the Committee, shall constitute a quorum, provided that in such quorum both Houses shall be represented.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd July, 1926.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (No. 1) (1926).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd July, 1926.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

23rd July, 1926.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL (1926).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to ratify the Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia, Norris Garrett Bell, James Fraser, James Walker Davidson, and the State of New South Wales, to ratify the Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia, Norris Garrett Bell, James Fraser, James Walker Davidson, and the State of Queensland, and to amend the ' Grafton to South Brisbane Railway Act 1924' ,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd July, 1926.

7. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1926).—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. McGrath, viz. :—That all the words after " That " be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—" this Bill be postponed pending an inquiry into the action of the Commissioners in letting a contract for the building of 300 houses involving the expenditure of £500,000 in Canberra"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENTS BUILDING, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) :—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations :—The Erection of a Building at Canberra for Accommodation of Commonwealth Departments—

Question—put and passed.

9. JUDICIARY BILL (1926).—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 Senate—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 follow :—

SCHEDULE SHOWING REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 3, line 21, leave out " , subject to the next following sub-section,".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 3, lines 1-11, leave out proposed sub-section (2.).

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 3, line 13, leave out " before reaching the age of seventy years ".

Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the requested Amendments be made.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Pratten
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Roland Green.	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Hill	Mr. Stewart
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Killen	Mr. Jackson

Noes, 17.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Watt
Mr. Mahony	Mr. West
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Forde
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Perkins	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Resolution to be reported.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES LOAN BILL (1926).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

SOMERS,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 43.*

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of Moneys to be loaned to the States, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 21st July, 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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of Moneys to be loaned to the 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 Mr. Pratten 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.

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. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

11. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL 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. Rodgers, 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to 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. Blakeley, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Mr. Manning, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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