

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 27TH JULY, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure (including Additions, New Works, Buildings, Etc.) for the year ending 30th June, 1927 (giving further detailed information with regard to receipts and expenditure 1925-26, to that contained in Parliamentary Papers Nos. 43 and 44, presented to the House on the 8th instant).

The Budget, 1926-27.—Papers presented by the Honorable Earle Page, M.P., for the information of honorable Members (containing final information to that set out in Parliamentary Paper No. 42, presented to the House on the 8th instant).

Munitions Supply Board—Annual Report from 1st July, 1924, to 30th June, 1925; together with the Annual Report of the Commonwealth Government Clothing Factory for the year ended 30th June, 1925.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

League of Nations—Conference for the Supervision of the International Trade in Arms and Ammunition and in Implements of War—Convention, &c., signed at Geneva, 17th June, 1925.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act.—

Appointments—Department of—

Health—F. J. Dempster.

Works and Railways—F. G. Connor.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 94.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1926—

No. 7—Provisional Government.

No. 8—Real Property.

No. 9—City Area Leases (No. 2).

No. 10—Meat.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL.—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. 44.

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 authorize the Execution by the Commonwealth of Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to the Construction and Reconstruction of Federal Aid Roads, and to make provision for the carrying out thereof.

Melbourne, 7th July, 1926.

27th 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. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by the Commonwealth of Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to the Construction and Reconstruction of Federal Aid Roads, and to make provision for the carrying out thereof.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

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

Mr. Charlton 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.

4. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—AGENDA OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY.—MOTION FOR PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 9th instant*], viz. :—

League of Nations—Agenda of the Seventh Session of the Assembly, to be held at Geneva on Monday, 6th September, 1926—
be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion—
“and that, in the opinion of this House, the Australian delegates should strenuously oppose any attempt to include in the Agenda of the Economic Conference questions of domestic concern”.

Debate continued.

Mr. Marks 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.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen 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. Bowden, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Hughes, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Manning, and Mr. Thompson.

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