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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 75

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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 Construction of New Wharf at Garden Island Naval Establishment, New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 100.
4. TITLES, GRANTING OF.—Mr. McGrath moved, pursuant to notice—
(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the granting of titles is contrary to the sentiment of the citizens of Australia.
(2) That the above resolution be conveyed to His Gracious Majesty King George through His Excellency the Governor-General.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Fenton 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 Thursday, 19th August next.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
SOMERS,
Deputy of the Governor-General. *Message No. 46.*
Bills intituled :—
“*Petroleum Prospecting Act (No. 2) 1926,*”
“*Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1926,*”
“*Loan Act (No. 1) 1926,*”
“*Grafton to South Brisbane Railway Act 1926,*”
as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.
Melbourne, 29th July, 1926.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 6, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 19th August next, and that the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 4 be postponed until a later hour this day.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after the remaining Orders of the Day, General Business.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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8. **PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA—REFRESHMENT BAR.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Elliot Johnson :—That this House disagrees with that portion of the Report of the Joint House Committee which advocates the retention of the refreshment bar for Federal Parliament House, at Canberra, and considers that Parliament House should be subject to the same conditions as to the sale of intoxicants which apply to the Federal Territory generally—

Debate resumed.

Mr. W. Maloney moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "Canberra" be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in lieu thereof :—"and is of opinion that the question of granting liquor licences in the Federal Capital Territory be submitted to a local option vote of the people of the Territory at a suitable time after the meeting of Parliament at Canberra".

Debate continued.

Mr. Mahony 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 a later hour this day.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 19th August next.
10. **OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS—CLAIM FORMS.**—Mr. W. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That, in view of the following facts, viz.:—

- (1) That the present series of questions addressed to applicants for the old-age and invalid pensions is unnecessarily vexatious and oppressive ;
- (2) That such questions are not addressed to military officers or highly-paid public officials applying for pensions ;
- (3) That all applicants for old-age pensions and invalid pensions, in addition to these exacting questions, are strictly examined by expert Governmental officials ;
- (4) That pensions are the right of aged and invalid citizens according to law,

it is the opinion of this House that a simpler form should be adopted in the following or similar terms —

I, A.B. (sex and address), hereby apply for the Old-age or Invalid Pension.

I am a natural-born or naturalized British subject.

I am over 60 or 65 years of age.

I claim to be entitled to the pension according to law.

Date.

Signature.

Witness :

instead of the series of questions now required to be answered in writing and declared to.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

11. **PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA—REFRESHMENT BAR.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Elliot Johnson :—That this House disagrees with that portion of the Report of the Joint House Committee which advocates the retention of the refreshment bar for Federal Parliament House, at Canberra, and considers that Parliament House should be subject to the same conditions as to the sale of intoxicants which apply to the Federal Territory generally—*and upon the amendment moved thereto by Mr. W. Maloney, viz. :—*That all the words after the word "Canberra" be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in lieu thereof :—"and is of opinion that the question of granting liquor licences in the Federal Capital Territory be submitted to a local option vote of the people of the Territory at a suitable time after the meeting of Parliament at Canberra"—

Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having already spoken, moved, by leave, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" (first occurring) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—

"is of the opinion that the question of the sale of liquor in the Federal Territory should be submitted to a local option poll of the people residing within the Federal Territory on a date to be fixed after the first meeting of Parliament at Canberra ; and further, that the sale of liquor at Parliament House should not be permitted until the local option poll is taken."

Debate continued.

The time allowed for General Business having expired—

Ordered—That the debate be continued until the determination of the question.

Closure.—Mr. Watt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put accordingly, and passed.

Question—That this House is of the opinion that the question of the sale of liquor in the Federal Territory should be submitted to a local option poll of the people residing within the Federal Territory, on a date to be fixed after the first meeting of Parliament at Canberra ; and further, that the sale of liquor at Parliament House should not be permitted until the local option poll is taken—put accordingly, and passed.

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12. **WAYS AND MEANS** ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. **PAPER**.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 23 of 1926—
Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.
14. **ADJOURNMENT**.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Manning, and Mr. Thompson.

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