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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1927.

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. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hughes rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The increase in the price of bricks to the lessees at Canberra."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board Reports—
Application for increased Duty or Bounty on Rice.
Continuance or otherwise of the Wine Export Bounty.
Ordered to be printed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 2 and 5, Government Business.
5. WIRE AND WIRE NETTING BILL.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States and to North Australia and Central Australia for the purpose of supplying Wire and Wire Netting to Settlers.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Thomas Paterson 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1927).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to section fifty-two of the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1926*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Latham 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1927-28.

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1927-28, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £5,851,495.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. 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. Gibson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1927-28.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight,*" 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.

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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule—

"The Parliament, £17,030," agreed to.

"Prime Minister's Department, £76,710"—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Watt.

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