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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 137.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL (1927).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 79.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 amend the *Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 1922*.

Canberra, 23rd November, 1927.

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. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 1922*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Pratten 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. Pratten, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Pratten 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. Pratten 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.

3. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1927).—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 by Mr. Scullin, who concluded by moving, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"in view of the grave and expanding obligations of the Commonwealth manifested by an adverse trade balance and increasing loan expenditure and of the urgent need for the subdivision of large estates to increase production and to meet the keen demand for land, reduction of land taxation is not justifiable".

Debate continued.

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Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—INDUSTRIAL DISTURBANCE IN WATERSIDE INDUSTRY.—Mr Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the cessation of the Industrial Disturbance in the Waterside Industry.
Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
5. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1927).—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. Scullin, viz. :—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—“in view of the grave and expanding obligations of the Commonwealth manifested by an adverse trade balance and increasing loan expenditure and of the urgent need for the subdivision of large estates to increase production and to meet the keen demand for land, reduction of land taxation is not justifiable”.

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parsons	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Perkins	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Makin
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Hill			
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Killen	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Progress 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1927).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 80.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 amend the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1926*.

Melbourne, 3rd November, 1927.

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 be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1926*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, was, by leave, adopted by the House.

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7. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Prowse moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause further debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—Page 4, lines 31-2, omit “ or increased ”.

Debate on clause ensued.

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parsons
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Rodgers
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Manning

Noes, 18.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 13 to 16 agreed to.

Clause 17—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made :—Page 8, line 6, after “ shall ” insert “, with all reasonable despatch,”.

Mr. Scullin moved, as a further amendment, That after the word “ objection ” (page 8, line 16) the words “ on any grounds stated therein other than those upon which he objects to the value assigned to his land ” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Edward Riley	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Killen	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

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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.

8. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past 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. Bell, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ley*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Nott, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.