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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 162.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1928.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 29th March last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom; took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 92.

Bills intituled :—

" *Customs Tariff 1928* "
" *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1928* "
" *Excise Tariff 1928,*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in [the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Government House,
Canberra, 31st March, 1928.

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 93.

Bills intituled :—

" *Financial Agreement Act 1928* "
" *Defence Equipment Act 1928* "
" *Radium Appropriation Act 1928* "
" *Petroleum Prospecting Act 1928* "
" *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1928,*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Government House,
Canberra, 2nd April, 1928.

3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Nott presented a Petition from 3,092 residents within the Federal Capital Territory, pointing out that they are without Parliamentary representation, and praying that representation in the Commonwealth Parliament, by a Member elected by themselves, be granted to them.
Mr. Nott also presented a Petition from 2,705 residents within the Federal Capital Territory, pointing out that they are without representation on the local governing body of the Territory, and praying that representation on the Federal Capital Commission, by a representative elected by themselves, be granted to them.
Petitions severally received and read.
4. MOVING-PICTURE INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA—REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Report of the Royal Commission on the Moving-Picture Industry in Australia—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Forde 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.

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5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—COMMONWEALTH LINE OF STEAMERS—TENDERS FOR PURCHASE—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Tenders for the Purchase of the Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Tenders for the Purchase of the Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Bruce not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the Right Honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.

Mr. Scullin 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.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 27, 28.

Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 29.

Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for Relief from Taxation during the year 1927.

Public Service Act—Appointment of C. E. Andrew, Department of Markets.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1928 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Twenty-fifth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Item.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.			
320. By omitting clause (b) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following clause :— “(b) Other per lineal foot	Free	1d.	2d.”

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. HOUSING BILL (1928).—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.

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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—HOUSING BILL (1928).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 94.

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 *Commonwealth Housing Act* 1927.

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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 *Commonwealth Housing Act 1927*.

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 adopted by the House.

10. HOUSING BILL (1928).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the Whole—On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
11. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Thursday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Sir John Gellibrand, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Mr. Mann, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

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