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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 171.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1928.

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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 97.*

A Bill intituled "*Commonwealth Housing 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 Act.

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Canberra, 15th May, 1928.

3. MARTIN ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he proposed to issue a Writ, on Thursday, the 24th instant, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Martin, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of the Honorable Herbert Edward Pratten, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows:—

Date of Issue of Writ	Thursday, 24th May, 1928.
Date of Nomination	Tuesday, 5th June, 1928.
Date of Polling	Saturday, 16th June, 1928.
Date for Return of Writ	On or before Wednesday, 27th June, 1928.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Papua—Annual Report for the year 1926-27.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—APPOINTMENT OF ROYAL COMMISSION—ALLEGED MONETARY OFFERS TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Government had decided to ask the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia to act as a Royal Commissioner to inquire into certain statements made through the press by Mr. W. H. Lambert, M.P., and the Honorable G. Cann, to the effect that monetary offers had been made to certain Members of the House of Representatives to induce them to resign their seats in the House.
Mr. Theodore, Mr. Anstey and Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
6. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL (1928).—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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 3 further debated—

On the motion of Mr. Gullett, the following proviso was added to the clause, after debate :—

“ Provided that no bounty shall be payable in respect of wine which is not shown, to the satisfaction of the Minister, to be the product of areas planted with vines on or before the thirty-first day of March One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.”

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Marr	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nott	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Yates
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Hill		Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Neville Howse		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. McGrath	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Ley	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

New Clauses—

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets) moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the rate of bounty payable :—
- (a) in respect of wine, other than wine the product of the 1928 vintage, shipped in Australia on or before the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, in fulfilment of a contract in writing which is proved to the satisfaction of the Minister to have been entered into on or before the eighth day of March One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, and to be still subsisting ;
- (b) in respect of wine shipped in Australia on or after the ninth day of March One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, in respect of which a notice of intention to export was given, as prescribed, on or before the eighth day of March One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight ; and
- (c) in respect of wine shipped to the Dominion of Canada, which the Minister is satisfied is intended for consumption in that Dominion,
- shall, subject to the provisions of the Principal Act, be one shilling and ninepence per gallon.

Existing bounties to apply to existing contracts, and to shipments to Canada.

Mr. R. W. Foster moved, as an amendment, That the word “ twenty-eight ” (first occurring) be omitted, and the word “ twenty-nine ” be inserted in place thereof.

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Mann) ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that it was not covered by the terms of the Governor-General's recommendation.

Mr. Parsons moved, That the new clause be postponed.

Dissent from Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Gregory having moved, That the Temporary Chairman's Ruling, in refusing to accept Mr. R. W. Foster's proposed amendment, be dissented from—

Point of Order—Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—A point of order was raised by Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), that dissent from the ruling should have been moved forthwith. The Temporary Chairman ruled that as Standing Order No. 228 provides that objection to a ruling must be stated at once, in writing, it was now too late to dissent.

Question—That the new clause be postponed—put and negatived.

Question—That the new clause be added to the Bill—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the following new clause was added to the Bill, after debate :—

5. This Act shall be construed, and read as one, with the Principal Act.

Act to be construed with Principal Act.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the House, by leave, adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

Nos. 8, 9, and 13 of 1928—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 12 of 1928—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to eleven 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. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marks, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Thompson.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.