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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 200.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1928.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy-Speaker (Mr. Bayley) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SIXTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Scullin, Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate), as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed:—

- *Bankruptcy Act—Report of Work preparatory to Proclamation of Act.
- Import and Export Prohibitions and Restrictions—Abolition—International Conference, Geneva, 1927—Report of the Australian Delegate.
- Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted up to 30th June, 1928.
- Defence—Australian Military Forces—Report for the Inspector-General by Lieut.-General Sir H. G. Chauvel, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. (Chief of the General Staff), Part I., 31st May, 1928.
- League of Nations—Economic Consultative Committee, Geneva, 1928—Report of the Australian Representative.
- *Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Sewing Threads and Sewing Cottons.

* Presented to House of Representatives only.

J. H. SCULLIN,
Chairman.

Senate Committee Room,
13th September, 1928.

Mr. Scullin moved, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Eleventh Session, held at Geneva, May-June, 1928—
Report of the Australian Government Delegate.
Report of the Australian Employers' Delegate.
Report of the Australian Workers' Delegate.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 24 of 1928—
Association of Draughtsmen.
4. RESEARCH INSTITUTE—FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY.—Mr. West moved, pursuant to notice—
(1) That the Government set aside an area of 20 square miles of the Federal Capital Territory for the purposes of a Research Institute, Station and Farm.
(2) That an endowment of a sum not exceeding £1,000,000 be made, the income therefrom to be devoted to laboratories, field equipment, salaries of a staff of scientific specialists, and research scholarships and fellowships open to science graduates of any Australian University.

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- (3) That an annual Australian Research Congress be held, also a triennial Research Congress to which eminent men in Biology, Chemistry, and other fields of scientific research be invited.
- (4) That the co-operation of the various State Governments and Universities be sought in perfecting the details of the Australian Research Institute.
- (5) That the State Governments be invited to send their officers engaged in research work, also the Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors, Deans and Professors of the Science Faculties of the several Universities, to a convention for the purpose of drawing up, for submission to the Commonwealth Government, a constitution, rules and regulations for the government of the Institute.

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Maloney 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 Thursday, 4th October next.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 2, 3 and 4, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 4th October next.
6. WAR PENSION CLAIMS—EVIDENCE OF DISABILITY DUE TO WAR SERVICE.—Mr. McGrath moved, pursuant to notice, That no claim for war pension can be rejected unless the Repatriation Department can show that the disability could not have been due to or aggravated by war service.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bell, addressing the House—

The time allotted for precedence to Notices of Motion, General Business, having terminated, Orders of the Day, General Business, were called on.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after Government Business.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Land Tax Assessment Bill* (1928)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 156.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend sections thirteen, forty-four L and forty-nine of the ‘Land Tax Assessment Act 1910–1927’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 13th September, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

[*Customs Tariff (No. 2)* (1928)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 157.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 13th September, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

[*Customs Tariff (No. 3)* (1928)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 158.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 13th September, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

9. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1928).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906–1926* and for other purposes.

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.

Mr. Latham moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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10. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1928).—Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Home and Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924–1926*.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Neville Howse 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.

Sir Neville Howse moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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 the next sitting.

11. 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. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Question—put and negatived.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 628), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,300

be agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Hurry reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1928).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 3 further considered.

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, lines 3–9, omit proviso, insert—

“ Provided further that a ballot-paper shall not be informal by reason only of the fact that the voter has indicated his vote by placing in one square the number 1 or a cross, and by leaving the other square blank, and in that case the cross shall be deemed to be equivalent to the figure 1.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

New Clauses—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following new clauses were added to the Bill :—

5. Section fourteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “ by marking it on the ballot-paper in accordance with the directions thereon ”, and inserting in their stead the following words :—“ in the following manner :—

Marking of
vote on
ballot-paper.

(a) if he approves of the proposed law—by placing the number 1 in the square opposite the word “ Yes ”, and by placing the number 2 in the square opposite the word “ No ” ; or

(b) if he does not approve of the proposed law—by placing the number 1 in the square opposite the word “ No ”, and by placing the number 2 in the square opposite the word “ Yes ”.

6. The Schedule is amended by omitting from Forms C and D the following words :—

Amendment
of Forms
C and D in
Schedule.

“ If he approves of the proposed law he should make a cross in the square opposite the word ‘ Yes ’ ;

If he does not approve of the proposed law he should make a cross in the square opposite the word ‘ No ’ ” ;

and inserting in their stead the following words :—

“ If he approves of the proposed law he should place the number 1 in the square opposite the word ‘ Yes ’ and the number 2 in the square opposite the word ‘ No ’ ;

If he does not approve of the proposed law he should place the number 1 in the square opposite the word ‘ No ’ and the number 2 in the square opposite the word ‘ Yes ’.”

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Hurry reported accordingly.

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

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14. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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be agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Hurry reported accordingly.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five 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. Blakeley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Forde, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.