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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 201.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1928.

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 SENATE.—PATENTS BILL (1928).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  

MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 159.  
 The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Patents Act 1903-1921'," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 13th September, 1928.

Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  

War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission, 1st July, 1927, to 30th June, 1928, together with Statements and Balance-Sheet.

Ordered to be printed.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 86, 93.  
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 85, 87, 92.  
 New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1928—No. 18—Mining.
4. TASMANIA SINKING FUND AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and His Majesty's Government of the State of Tasmania.  

Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page moved, by leave, 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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5. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT 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.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

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

Page 3, omit paragraph (d), insert the following new paragraph—

(d) which a person having been absolutely entitled to, has voluntarily caused to be transferred to or vested in himself and any other person jointly whether by disposition or otherwise (including any purchase or investment effected by the person who was absolutely entitled to the property) either by himself alone or in concert or by arrangement with any other person so that a beneficial interest therein or in some part thereof passes or accrues by survivorship on his death to such other person, to the extent of such beneficial interest ;  
or

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 17 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Duncan-Hughes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House, by leave, adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NATIONAL INSURANCE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—  
STONEHAVEN,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 117.*

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 provide for the Insurance of Employees, and the Wives, Children, Widows, and Orphans, of Employees, against certain contingencies, and for other purposes.

Adelaide, 5th September, 1928.

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 provide for the Insurance of Employees, and the Wives, Children, Widows, and Orphans, of Employees, against certain contingencies, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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. 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.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page moved, 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.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL (1928).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 160.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*A Proposed Law to alter the Constitution by inserting therein further Provisions relating to the public debts of the States and the borrowing of money by the Commonwealth and the States*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 14th September, 1928.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—COAL INDUSTRY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the present position of the Coal Industry in Australia, and the proposals of the Commonwealth Government and the State Government of New South Wales to bring about a reduction in the costs of production of coal.
9. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. on Tuesday next.  
Question—put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at eleven o'clock a.m.

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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. Coleman, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Forde, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Grosvenor Fraucis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Makin, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

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