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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1929.

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. 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.
3. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS TO-MORROW.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. ECONOMIC RESEARCH BILL.—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.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

Question—That clause 4 and the remainder of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

5. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1929).—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.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

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6. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Wine Overseas Marketing Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Export of Wine and for other purposes*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th March, 1929.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

[*Wine Grapes Charges Bill* (No. 2)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Charges upon Grapes intended for use in the manufacture of Wine*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th March, 1929.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 31st December, 1928, and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department at 31st December, 1928 ; together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—By-laws—Statutory Rules 1929, Nos. 20, 21, 22.

8. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

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. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

9. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1929).—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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 7 agreed to.

*New clauses.*

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport), the following new clauses were added to the Bill, after debate :—

1A. Section five of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of sub-section (2.) the words " and to borrow moneys for the purposes of this Act ". Power to borrow moneys.

8. After section fifty B of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

" 50c.—(1.) The Governor-General may make regulations providing for the constitution of the Commissioner as an authority under the *Commonwealth Housing Act 1927-1928* and for the modification of the provisions of the *Commonwealth Housing Act 1927-1928* to enable the Commissioner to act as an authority thereunder : Regulations constituting the Commissioner an authority under *Commonwealth Housing Act 1927-1928.*

Provided, however, that the regulations shall not empower the Commissioner acting as such an authority to advance more than the difference between the amount which may be advanced under this Act and eighteen hundred pounds :

And provided further that the regulations shall not be inconsistent with any agreement by which the Commonwealth or the Commissioner is bound.

(2.) Any interest paid by an eligible person to the Commissioner upon advances made to that person out of moneys received by the Commissioner as an advance under the *Commonwealth Housing Act 1927-1928* shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section thirty-nine of this Act, be credited to the War Service Homes Trust Account which shall be debited with amounts due by way of repayment of advances made under the *Commonwealth Housing Act 1927-1928*, together with interest on those advances."

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

20th and 21st March, 1929.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay 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.

10. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL (1929).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1928*.  
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.  
Mr. Theodore 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6.
12. DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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. Mackay reported accordingly.

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

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1929-30.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 20th March, 1929.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1929.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. Watt.

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