

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 22ND 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - North Australia—Report on the Administration for year ended 30th June, 1928.
 - Postmaster-General's Department—Eighteenth Annual Report, 1927-28.
 - Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Fur Felt and Wool Felt Hats.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 - International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Correspondence relating to the selection of Employees' Delegate to the 12th Session.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1928.
 - Immigration Act—Return for 1928.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
3. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND 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 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.

4. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day :—
 - Dairy Produce Export Charges Bill (1929)—Second reading ; and*
 - Canned Fruits Export Charges Bill (1929)—Second reading ;*
 were called on, and, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport), were discharged.
5. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CHARGES BILL [No. 2] (1929).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

22nd March, 1929.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved—

That where, in respect of any butter or cheese exported from the Commonwealth the Governor-General has, after report to the Minister by the Dairy Produce Control Board constituted under the *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924*, exempted by Order published in the *Gazette*, either unconditionally or for such period (if any) and subject to such conditions as were specified in the Order, such butter or cheese from the charges imposed by the *Dairy Produce Export Charges Act 1924*, the Governor-General may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, cancel any such exemption and thereupon the charges imposed by the *Dairy Produce Export Charges Act 1924* shall, from the date fixed by the Order, become payable in respect of the butter or cheese to which the exemption related.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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. Thomas Paterson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thomas Paterson and Mr. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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. Thomas Paterson 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, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL [No. 2] (1929).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved—

That where, in respect of any canned fruits exported from the Commonwealth the Governor-General has, after report to the Minister by the Canned Fruits Control Board constituted under the *Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1926*, exempted by order published in the *Gazette*, either unconditionally or for such period (if any) and subject to such conditions as were specified in the Order, those canned fruits from the charges imposed by the *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1926*, the Governor-General may, by order published in the *Gazette*, cancel any such exemption and thereupon the charges imposed by the *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1926*, shall from the date fixed by the Order, become payable in respect of canned fruits to which the exemption related.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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. Thomas Paterson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thomas Paterson and Mr. Aubrey Abbott do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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. Thomas Paterson moved, 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.

22nd March, 1929.

(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. Thomas Paterson, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7.
8. FORESTRY BUREAU BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Aubrey Abbott (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Blakeley 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 a later hour this day.
9. ANTARCTIC—PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 21st February last*] be printed—Debate resumed. Question—put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8.
11. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—NINTH ASSEMBLY—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 8th February last*], viz. :—League of Nations—Ninth Assembly—Report of Australian Delegation—be printed—Debate resumed. Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, 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.

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

[*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Bill (1929)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Establishment of Appeal Tribunals to deal with Appeals relating to War Pensions*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 22nd March, 1929.

[*National Debt Sinking Fund Bill (1929)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1928'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 22nd March, 1929.

[*Dairy Produce Export Charges Bill [No. 2] (1929)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Dairy Produce Export Charges Act 1924'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 22nd March, 1929.

[*Canned Fruits Export Charges Bill [No. 2] (1929)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1926'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 22nd March, 1929.

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13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MANUFACTURE OF NEWSPRINT IN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Manufacture of Newsprint in Australia.
14. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Royal Australian Naval College—Annual Report, 1928.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1929—No. 2—Lands Registration.
15. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
16. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
 Question—put and passed.
17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

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

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