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(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1929.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Soviet Socialist Republics—Protocol relative to procedure for settlement of questions outstanding between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the question is put "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair." On such Thursday General Business shall have precedence of Government Business until nine o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913-1920*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz.:—Mr. Chifley, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Guy, and Mr. Yates.
Question—put and passed.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.:—Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lacey, and Mr. Long.
Question—put and passed.
6. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Watkins be Members of the Standing Orders Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
7. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Bell, Mr. Culley, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Mackay, and Mr. E. C. Riley be Members of the House Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
8. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Chifley, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Keane, Mr. Nairn, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Tully, and Mr. White be Members of the Printing Committee; three to form a quorum, with power to confer with a similar Committee of the Senate.
Question—put and passed.
9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Jones, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. West be Members of the Library Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
10. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1929).—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1920-1928*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Brennan 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. Brennan moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Latham 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
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, 1929.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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EXCISE DUTIES—continued.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2.—continued.	
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(E) Blended Whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured—	
(1) If bottled under Customs or Excise supervision per proof gallon	30s.
(2) If not bottled under Customs or Excise supervision per proof gallon	35s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(F) Rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure rum per proof gallon	30s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(G) Blended Rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be rum so blended and matured per proof gallon	31s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(H) Gin, distilled from barley malt, grain, grape wine, apples, or other approved fruit, and certified by an officer to be pure gin—	
(1) If bottled under Customs or Excise supervision per proof gallon	30s.
(2) If not bottled under Customs or Excise supervision per proof gallon	35s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (I) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(I) Liqueurs, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—	
(1) If bottled under Customs or Excise supervision per proof gallon	30s.
(2) If not bottled under Customs or Excise supervision per proof gallon	35s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (O) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(O) Spirits, n.e.i. per proof gallon	40s.”
7. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“7. Cigars—	
(A) †Hand-made per lb.	3d.
† HAND-MADE CIGARS.—“Hand-made Cigars” shall mean cigars in the manufacture of which every operation is performed by hand, provided that moulds may be used.	
(B) Machine-made per lb.	1s. 3d.”
By adding a new item 11 as follows :—	
“11. Petrol, Benzine, Benzol, Benzoline, Gasoline, Naphtha, Pentane, and any Petroleum Shale or Coal Tar distillate having a flash point of under 73 degrees Fahrenheit when tested in an Abel Pensky closed test apparatus per gallon	1d.”

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT 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. 3.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia.

Canberra, 20th November, 1929.

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. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore, by leave, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Theodore and Mr. Brennan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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Mr. Theodore 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. Theodore moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Thomas Paterson 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.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL (1929).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 4.*

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Grafton to South Brisbane Railway Act 1924-1926*.

20th November, 1929.

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. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Grafton to South Brisbane Railway Act 1924-1926*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore, by leave, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Theodore and Mr. Scullin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Earle Page 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.

18. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929-30 (No. 2).—The House, according to order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929-30.

Vote—"Parliament, £3,274"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Home Affairs, £33,000"—debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

19. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Migration Agreement—Terms of Cablegram from the Commonwealth Government to the British Government containing representations respecting Assisted Migration to Australia.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Keane, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. White.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.