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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

TUESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1930.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General. *Message No. 16.*
A Proposed Law intituled "*Customs Act 1930*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.
Government House,
Canberra, 29th March, 1930.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
War—Prohibition of use of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare—Protocol, signed at Geneva on 17th June, 1925.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1918—No. 9—Aboriginals.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REPRESENTATION AT ELEVENTH ASSEMBLY OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND AT IMPERIAL AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCES.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Attorney-General (Mr. Brennan) would represent the Commonwealth at the Eleventh Assembly of the League of Nations, and that the Minister for Markets and Transport (Mr. Parker Moloney) would accompany him (the Prime Minister) to the Imperial and Economic Conferences.
5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Marketing of Wheat, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Parker Moloney 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. Parker Moloney 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.

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7. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1930).—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—

Ordered—That the clause be considered by paragraphs.

Clause to end of paragraph (a) agreed to.

Paragraph (b) debated—

Mr. Latham moved, as an amendment, That the proviso be omitted from the paragraph.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Paragraph agreed to.

Paragraph (c)—

On the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 3, line 3, after "improvements" insert "including in such added value the value of any hotel licence or other similar interest the value of which has been included in the improved value".

Page 3, line 8, omit "equal utility", insert "a nature and efficiency equivalent".

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, as a further amendment, That the proviso, as amended, be omitted from the paragraph.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Paragraph, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

- Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

8. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (POWER OF AMENDMENT) BILL.—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.
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.
9. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fenton*, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jones, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.