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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MAY, 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to make a Ministerial Statement to the House.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS—MOTION FOR PRINTING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) made a Ministerial Statement setting forth the Policy of the Government in regard to Preference to Returned Sailors and Soldiers, and moved, That the Statement be printed.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Yates addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, and the Orders of the Day being about to be called on, under Standing Order No. 119—

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable Questions upon Notice to be answered.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Lacey, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed construction of a Federal Highway within the Federal Capital Territory.
Ordered, after debate, to be printed.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL (1930).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

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 an amendment to be moved by the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs to the Wine Export Bounty Bill 1930.

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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. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs to the Wine Export Bounty Bill 1930.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.

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

7. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL (1930).—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.)

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 2, after sub-clause (4.), insert the following sub-clause :—

(4A.) There shall also be payable from the moneys standing to the credit of the Trust Account the amount by which the drawback payable under the *Excise Act 1901-1923* upon spirit used for fortifying Australian wine exported during the period specified in section five of this Act exceeds the amount of drawback which would have been payable thereon at the rates of Excise Duty in force immediately prior to the thirteenth day of March One thousand nine hundred and thirty.

Page 2, line 11, after "bounty" insert "and drawback".

Debate continued.

Mr. Hawker moved, as a further amendment, That after sub-clause (5.) the following proviso be inserted :—“Provided that the bounty under this Act shall not be payable upon more than four million gallons of wine exported in any one calendar year”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 17, after "Act" insert "and all payments of drawback in pursuance of sub-section (4A.) of this section,".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 33, after "gallon" insert the following proviso :—“Provided further that in no case shall the total bounty payable under this or any other Act exceed one shilling and ninepence per gallon :”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Malcolm Cameron moved, as an amendment, That after "amount" (page 3, line 19) the following proviso be inserted :—“Provided that if such price or amount is not paid in full on delivery of the grapes by the grower to the purchaser from him, or to some person on behalf of such purchaser, the price or amount may be paid by equal quarterly payments with interest on unpaid balances outstanding at six per centum from the date of such delivery of the grapes to date of payment”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Jones, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 4, lines 37-40, omit sub-clause (5.), insert the following sub-clause :—

(5.) Every person who claims the bounty payable on fortified wine under this Act shall, in making such claims, furnish to the Minister such evidence as the Minister requires as to the conditions of employment observed, and the rates of wages paid, in respect of any labour employed in the manufacture of the fortified wine on which the bounty is claimed and in the production of grapes, and in the manufacture of fortifying spirit, used in the manufacture of that fortified wine.

Page 4, lines 42-43, omit "paid by any claimant for bounty", insert "observed or paid in respect of any labour employed in the manufacture of any fortified wine upon which bounty is claimed or in the production of grapes, or in the manufacture of fortifying spirit, used in the manufacture of that fortified wine".

Page 5, line 6, omit "payable", insert "which would otherwise have been payable on that fortified wine".

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 5, line 19, after " bounties " insert the following paragraphs :—

" (c) the amount standing to the credit of the Trust Account constituted under this Act ;

(d) the amount of any deficiency paid into such Trust Account from the Consolidated Revenue Fund ;

(e) the precise purposes to which any surplus in such Trust Account has been applied, and the amounts applied to each of such purposes respectively ; "

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Forde (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 144) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to eleven 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. Bayley, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Fenton*, Mr. Gardner, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.