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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 61.

THURSDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1930.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE—APPLICATION OF THE CLOSURE.—Mr. Bayley raised a question of Privilege in connexion with the action of the Prime Minister in moving the Closure to the Motion for the Adjournment of the House this morning, and moved, That this House disapproves of the action of the Right Honorable the Prime Minister in moving the closure on the question "That the House do now adjourn", at a time when no debate on the question had taken place, and consequently no obstruction could be alleged; as by such action he deprived Members of one of their most cherished privileges.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Guy	Mr. West
Mr. James	
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Price
Mr. Lacey	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Marks	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	
Mr. Latham	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Nairn

Noes, 36.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Long
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Culley	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Guy	
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Price
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGREEMENT (WILUNA GOLD MINES) 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. 33.*

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 ratify an Agreement entered into between the Commonwealth and the State of Western Australia granting financial assistance to that State and for other purposes.

Sydney, 25th June, 1930.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT.—Mr. Tully, for the Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

British, Australian and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition—Report by Sir Douglas Mawson on the work of the Expedition in R.S.S. *Discovery*, 1929–30.

International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Thirteenth Conference, held at Geneva, October, 1929—Reports of the Australian Delegates.

League of Nations—Economic Consultative Committee—Second Session, held at Geneva, May, 1929—Report of Australian Representative.

North Australia Commission—Third Annual Report, for the year 1929.

Public Service—Sixth Report by the Board of Commissioners.

JAMES T. TULLY,
for Chairman.

Senate Committee Room,

26th June, 1930.

Mr. Tully moved, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 67, 68.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 62.
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Brighton, Victoria.
6. SEWING MACHINE BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 30—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Manufacture of Sewing Machine Heads.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Forde, by leave, was adopted by the House.

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

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

Mr. Gullett 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COTTON INDUSTRIES BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on the Production of Seed Cotton, Lint and Cotton Yarn, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 26th June, 1930.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

8. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Long	Mr. Bell	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. White
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Josiah Francis	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McTiernan	Mr. Latham	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully		
Mr. Frost	Mr. West		
Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Keane			
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Price		
Mr. Lewis	Mr. E. C. Riley		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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—

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.

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9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGREEMENT (WILUNA GOLD MINES) BILL.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Order of the Day, viz. :—Western Australian Agreement (Wiluna Gold Mines) Bill—Consideration, in Committee, of the Governor-General's Message No. 33—made an Order of the Day for the next sitting, to be made the next Order of the Day for this sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
10. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGREEMENT (WILUNA GOLD MINES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 33—
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 ratify an Agreement entered into between the Commonwealth and the State of Western Australia granting financial assistance to that State and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

The Resolution reported from the Committee 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. Gullett 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this sitting, in order to allow further new business to be taken.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.

13. FORESTRY BUREAU BILL (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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 omitted.

Clauses 5 to 13 agreed to.

New Clauses—

On the motion of Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs), the following new clauses were inserted in the Bill :—

3.—(1.) For the purposes of this Act there shall be a Forestry Bureau.

(2.) The Forestry Bureau shall be under the charge of the Inspector-General of Forests who shall, subject to the direction of the Minister, be charged with the administration of this Act.

Establishment
of Forestry
Bureau and
appointment
of officers.

(3.) The Inspector-General and all permanent officers required for the purpose of this Act shall be appointed under, and be subject to, the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1928*.

12A. All books and accounts kept by the trustees shall be audited from time to time by the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth who shall make a report of each audit to the Minister.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Blakeley, by leave, the House adopted the Report;

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That all Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed except Nos. 15, 17, and 18.
15. **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The following Orders of the Day, Government Business, were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), discharged :—
- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Report—Automatic Telephone Exchange, Hawthorn, Victoria—Motion for Printing Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion of Mr. Lacey, That the Paper be printed.
- Ministerial Statement—Preference to Returned Sailors and Soldiers—Motion for Printing—Resumption of debate upon the motion of Mr. Scullin, That the Statement be printed.
- Ministerial Statement of Policy—Motion for Printing Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion of Mr. Scullin, That the Paper be printed.
16. **ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
- Question—put and passed.
17. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past seven o'clock in the morning, 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. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Killen, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Nelson.

* On leave.

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