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**THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.**

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 173.

THURSDAY, 16TH JULY, 1931.

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. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—APPOINTMENT OF MR. ROWE IN PLACE OF MR. CHIFLEY.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Chifley be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and that, in his place, Mr. Rowe be appointed a member of the Committee.
Question—put and passed.
3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MR. LEWIS AND MR. WATKINS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Lewis and Mr. Watkins be appointed to fill the vacancies now existing on the Library Committee.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Eleventh Annual Report by the Trustees, 1st July, 1930, to 30th June, 1931 (including the Sir Samuel McCaughey Bequest for the Technical Education of Soldiers' Children).
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 84.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Health Ordinance (Infectious Diseases)—Regulations Amended.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (1931).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 79.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 14th July, 1931.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Mr. Theodore 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. Theodore, 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.

16th July, 1931.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Theodore 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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

General debate resumed on the question (*see page 727*), That the first item in the Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., under Division No. 1.—The Department of Defence—namely—

Naval establishments—Machinery and plant, £3,000,
be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

Question proposed—That the remainder of the Vote—"The Department of Defence, £45,746"—be agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets), viz. :—

(1.) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the *Customs Tariff 1921–1930*, as proposed to be amended by Tariff proposals, from and after a time and date to be fixed by Proclamation, there be imposed on the importation into Australia of the goods specified in the Schedule hereto (being the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of Canada), when—

(i) those goods have been shipped from that Dominion to Australia and have not been transhipped, or

(ii) those goods, having been so shipped have been transhipped, and it is proved to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs that the intended destination of the goods when originally shipped was Australia,

Duties of Customs as follows :—(*See pages 731–3*).

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Parker Moloney 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. Parker Moloney, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Parker Moloney then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Dominion of Canada, and for other purposes*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Parker Moloney 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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.

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

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1931).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 124.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

President.

The Senate.

Canberra, 16th July, 1931.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—GOLD BOUNTY BILL (1931).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,

Governor-General.

Message No. 80.

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 amend the *Gold Bounty Act 1930*.

Canberra, 22nd April, 1931.

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 (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gold Bounty Act 1930*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.

Mr. Forde 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. Forde, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Forde and Mr. Scullin 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.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Marks, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page*, and Mr. Ward*.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.