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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 68.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1932.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (No. 2) (1932).—Mr. Josiah Francis (Minister administering War Service Homes), pursuant to leave given on the 1st September last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend section twenty-nine of the 'War Service Homes Act 1918-1929', as amended by the 'War Service Homes Act 1932'*", 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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru during the year 1931.
New Guinea—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from 1st July, 1930, to 30th June, 1931.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 133.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 20 of 1932—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and the Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 126, 132.
Wine Export Bounty Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 128.
4. WAR SERVICE HOMES AGREEMENT BILL (1932).—Mr. Josiah Francis (Minister administering War Service Homes) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL.—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. 37.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six 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 reduce Taxation; to remove anomalies in relation to Invalid and Old-age Pensions; to provide Financial Relief for Wheat Growers and other Primary Producers; and for other purposes.

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Ordered, after debate—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. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to reduce Taxation ; to remove anomalies in relation to Invalid and Old-age Pensions ; to provide Financial Relief for Wheat Growers and other Primary Producers ; and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Lyons 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. Lyons moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sitting.—At five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

Mr. Prowse 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.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 21 of 1932—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia ; Amalgamated Engineering Union ; and Australasian Society of Engineers.

Nos. 22 and 23 of 1932—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 24 of 1932—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department ; and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 25 of 1932—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 26 of 1932—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia ; Australian Postal Electricians' Union ; Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union ; Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association ; Commonwealth Postmasters' Association ; Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association ; Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association ; Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association ; Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association ; Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia ; Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department ; Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union ; Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia ; Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service ; Postal Overseers' Union of Australia ; Postmaster-General's Department State Heads of Branches Association ; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Guy (Assistant Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six 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. Bruce*, Mr. Dein, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gullett*, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McBride, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.