THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 145.

FRIDAY, 6TH JULY, 1934.

- The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
 Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

- 3. Ministerial Statement—Transport in Northern Territory.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the result of recent trials of a 15-Ton Transport Unit in the Northern Territory.
- 4. COLONIAL LIGHT DUES COLLECTION BILL (1934).—Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce), pursuant to leave given yesterday, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Colonial Light Dues Collection 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.

5. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1934).—Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 29th June last, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend section twenty-eight of the 'Land Tax Assessment Act 1910–1930', as amended by the 'Financial Relief Act 1932'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Casey asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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

6. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. R. H. Bandy, J. P. Camm and S. R. H. Roberts, the Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 28th day of June, 1934; and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report be adopted.

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Mr. Albert Green moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House disapproves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by the Distribution Commissioners, and requests the Minister to direct the Distribution Commissioners to propose a fresh distribution of the said State".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)-

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bell Mr. John Lawson Mr. Blacklow Mr. Marr Mr. Maxwell Mr. Nairn Mr. Casey Mr. Dein Mr. Dennis Mr. Parkhill Mr. Fenton Mr. Perkins Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Price Sir Littleton Groom Mr. Scholfield Mr. Guy Mr. Frederick Stewart Mr. E. J. Harrison Mr. White Mr. Hughes Tellers: Mr. Hutchin Mr. Jennings Mr. Gabb Mr. Lane Mr. Gardner Mr. Latham

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Mr. Baker	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Thomas Collins	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Gander	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watkins
Mr. E. F. Harrison	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	Tellers:
Mr. James	
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Makin	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. W. Maloney	_

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And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Motion, as amended, viz.:—That this House disapproves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by the Distribution Commissioners, and requests the Minister to direct the Distribution Commissioners to propose a fresh distribution of the said State—agreed to.

7. Message from the Governor-General.—Wine Export Bounty Bill (1934).—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. 92.

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 provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of Fortified Wine, and for other purposes.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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.)

Mr. White (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 provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of Fortified Wine, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

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

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

Mr. Forde 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.

8. Australian Eastern Mission—Report of Leader—Motion for Printing Paper.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :-

Australian Eastern Mission-Report of the Right Honorable J. G. Latham, Leader of the Mission,

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Latham not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B-

Ordered--That the Right Honorable Member have leave to conclude his speech without limitation of time.

Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) 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. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 75. War Precautions Act Repeal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 13.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT .-- All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except-Mr. Anstey, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Martens, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nock, and Mr. Earle Page.

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