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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.--Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House in amendment No. 1 of the Senate, with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

W. G. HIGGS,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 3rd November, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for this day, after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Notices of Motion be postponed until to-morrow.
4. ELECTORAL BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned.—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.
6. AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and 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.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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7. COPYRIGHT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Conroy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 16.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 16—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendment made by the Senate in the amendment of the House of Representatives:—

Amendment of the House of Representatives, viz.:—
To insert new clause 21, viz.:—

21.—(1.) After the commencement of this Act, licences shall not be granted in the Territory in excess of the number of licences in existence at the commencement of this Act. Regulation of sale of intoxicating liquor in the Territory.

(2.) The number of licences in the Territory may be reduced or licences may be abolished in the Territory in accordance with this section.

(3.) A poll may be taken in the whole Territory or in any Division thereof, once in each year, for the purpose of obtaining the vote of the people on the question whether the number of licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be reduced by any and what number.

(4.) Subject to sub-section (3), a poll under this section shall be taken in the Territory or a Division thereof when requested by petition to the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by one-fourth of the people in the Territory or Division. Provided that the first poll under this section shall be taken at a period not later than nine months from the proclamation of this Act.

(5.) The adult white people shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to be the people of the Territory or Division, as the case requires.

(6.) The times and manner of taking a poll and the manner of giving effect to the decision arrived at by the poll taken shall be as directed by Ordinance.

(7.) No person shall supply to any native by sale gift or in any other way either directly or indirectly any intoxicating liquor and any person offending against the provisions of this sub-section shall be liable on conviction in a summary manner to a fine of not less than Twenty pounds and not exceeding Two hundred pounds and to imprisonment for any term not less than one month and not exceeding two years. Prohibition against supply of intoxicating liquor to natives.

Provided that it shall not be an offence under this sub-section for any person, for any urgent cause or necessity (the burden of proof whereof shall rest upon him) to administer intoxicating liquor to a native for purely medical purposes and without recompense or remuneration.

(8.) It shall not be lawful for any native to have in his possession any intoxicating liquor, in any Division in which licences have been abolished or (except for the sole purpose of carriage the burden of proof whereof for the purpose only of confiscation shall rest upon the owner of the liquor) in any Division in which a licence exists. If this sub-section is contravened the liquor may be seized by any officer exercising judicial functions, who shall in a summary manner direct that it be confiscated, and that it be disposed of according to his discretion, and the native shall be liable on conviction in a summary manner to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months. Intoxicating liquor in possession of natives.

(9.) In this section—

- (a) "licence" means a licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor;
(b) "intoxicating liquor" means any spirituous or fermented liquor of an intoxicating nature used or intended to be used as a beverage;
(c) "native" means any person in the Territory not of European descent.

Amendment to insert new clause 21 agreed to by the Senate, with the following amendment in the clause, viz.:—

At end of sub-clause (2) insert—

"but so that no compensation shall be payable in respect of the loss or abolition of any licence hereunder."

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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11. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—EXCISE DUTY ON SUGAR.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That in lieu of the Duty of Excise imposed by the *Excise Tariff* 1902, there shall, as from and including the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and seven, be imposed on sugar the following Duty of Excise :—

Sugar—per cwt. of manufactured sugar—Four shillings.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. EXCISE (SUGAR) TARIFF (1905) BILL.—Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Excise Tariff 1902,’* ” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1905).—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. 17 —

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for a Bounty to Growers of Sugar-cane and Beet.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide for a Bounty to Growers of Sugar-cane and Beet,* ” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until to-morrow.

15. APPROPRIATION BILL 1905-6.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Joseph Cook addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he 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 to-morrow.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen 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 except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.