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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JULY, 1923.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Bayley, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee:—
Air Services—Expenditure upon.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 25 and 26.
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired in New South Wales, at Orange.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.
5. COMMONWEALTH SHIPPING 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. 8—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Commonwealth Shipping Line and for other purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Bruce 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 a later hour this day.

6. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16—

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That the word "par" (line 1) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "current market rates" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

7. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General forthwith at Government House, and said that he would be glad if the Mover and Seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

Thereupon Mr. Speaker, with Members of the House, went to attend His Excellency the Governor-General, at Government House, and having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 22nd ultimo, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen—

I receive with much pleasure the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech which I delivered on the occasion of the Opening of the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament of the Commonwealth; and desire to thank you for your expression of loyalty to His Majesty the King.

8. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 16—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Gabb, viz.:—That the word "par" (line 1) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "current market rates" in place thereof.

Clause postponed.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 19 and 20 agreed to.

Postponed clause 16—

Amendment previously moved by Mr. Gabb again proposed—

Question—That the word "par" proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Manning
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Albert Green

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the following amendments were made:—

Line 2, after "accepted" insert "at par".

Line 3, before "Succession" omit "and", and after "Succession" insert "and Estate".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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Mr. Earle Page moved (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended—see p. 50, *ante*), That the Report be now adopted.

Mr. West moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 18.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bayley	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Macolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lacey		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Report be now adopted—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page the Bill was read a third time.

9. COMMONWEALTH SHIPPING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Charlton 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.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FINANCE.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Expenditure out of Revenue, and the Revenue of the Commonwealth during the financial year 1922-23.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MEAT EXPORT BOUNTIES BILL (1923).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 9.

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 an amendment extending the period for the slaughter of beasts in respect of the export of which Bounty is payable under a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Bounties on the Export of Beef and Cattle from the Commonwealth.

Government House,

Melbourne, 3rd July, 1923.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered 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.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment extending the period for the slaughter of beasts in respect of the export of which Bounty is payable under a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Bounties on the Export of Beef and Cattle from the Commonwealth.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman, was adopted by the House.

12. MEAT EXPORT BOUNTIES BILL (1923).—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.

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Mr. Albert Green, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member 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 the next sitting.

13. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Merrylands, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) 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 two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lister, Mr. Makin, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Pratten, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Yates.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.