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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 5TH 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Tariff Board—Annual Report, to June, 1923—together with accompanying Schedule.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Bamford rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The unsatisfactory condition in which the sugar industry is placed owing to the proposed arrangement under which the price of raw sugar will be reduced to £27 per ton, and the placing of an embargo of only two years upon the importation of foreign sugar".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Bamford moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. Bamford not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 39, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 39, the Right Honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Order of the Day, General Business, was called on.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day, No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notice of Motion, No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday next.
6. EX-GUNNER YATES—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Charlton moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the statements made by the late Minister for Defence, Senator Pearce, and the ex-Prime Minister, the Right Honorable W. M. Hughes, reflecting on the character of ex-Gunner Yates, with power to recommend compensation if deemed necessary.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) 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 Thursday next.
7. "HANSARD"—AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLICATION.—Sir Elliot Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, with a view to removing the uncertainty which exists at the present time as to the authority for the publication of the Parliamentary *Hansard*, section 3 of the Parliamentary Papers Act should be amended to include *Hansard* among the documents authorized by Parliament to be printed and published.
Debate ensued.
Mr. W. Maloney 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 Thursday, 19th instant.
8. SHIPPING SERVICE—MELBOURNE AND HOBART—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. O'Keefe moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the necessity for the Commonwealth Government making provision for an adequate direct shipping service between Melbourne and Hobart.
Mr. O'Keefe 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 Thursday next.
9. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Coleman withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name with reference to the disallowance of Statutory Rule No. 69 of 1923 (Repatriation Regulations).

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913*, the following Senators have been appointed Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz. :—Senator P. J. Lynch, Senator M. Reid, and Senator J. Barnes.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th July, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913*, the following Senators have been appointed Members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz. :—Senator B. Benny, Senator H. E. Elliott, and Senator E. Needham.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th July, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1923—No. 6—Delegation of Authority.

13. 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.

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.)

Clauses 1 to 12 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4 and 12.

Question—put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

On recommitment—

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman, the following amendments were made :—

Line 5, omit " first day of March", insert " nineteenth day of February".

Line 12, omit " first day of March", insert " nineteenth day of February".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Bill to be further reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended—see p. 50 *ante*), the House adopted the Reports and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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

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