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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH JULY, 1923.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Works Committee Act—Eighth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Ordered to be printed.
3. CUSTOMS BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.
4. BEER EXCISE 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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

- The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
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Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
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On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. **DISTILLATION 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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. **SPIRITS 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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. **AIR DEFENCE BILL.**—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.

Mr. Marks 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. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Dungog, New South Wales.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Fenton, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lister, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Seabrook, and Mr. Watkins.

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