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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY, 1923.

1. The House met, at half past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Shipping Committee (Imperial)—Final Report on the Deferred Rebate System—(Paper presented to British Parliament).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.

No. 8 of 1923—Postmaster-General's Department State Heads of Branches Association.

No. 9 of 1923—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.

3. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That on each sitting day, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Groom	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

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Clause 6 debated---

Mr. Manning moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—" but the sleepers shall be of sufficient length to enable the gauge to be widened to four feet eight and a half inches when required."

Debate ensued

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7---

Mr. Nelson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after " and " (line 12) to the end of the clause be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—" and pay such remunerations as are decided by conciliation or arbitration."

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Gabb, the following proviso was added to the clause :—

" Provided that where such salaries or wages are over Five hundred pounds per annum the sanction of the Minister must be obtained."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 amended, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, by adding the following proviso to the clause :—

" Provided that no person who is a lessee of lands from the Crown shall be entitled to compensation in respect of the resumption or use of any of such lands for the purposes of the Railway."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Stewart (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended—see p. 90 *ante*), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TARIFF BOARD 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. 11.

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 amend the *Tariff Board Act 1921*.

Sydney, 24th 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 a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tariff Board Act 1921*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

Mr. Austin Chapman 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. Austin Chapman, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Austin Chapman 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 the next sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH SHIPPING BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Establishment of the Commonwealth Shipping Line and for other purposes*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th July, 1923.

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Ordered, by leave—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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 6, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

“(9.) In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting the members of the Board present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to act as Chairman at the meeting.”

No. 2.—Page 5, clause 18, line 4, leave out “consent of Parliament”, insert “approval by resolution of both Houses of the Parliament”.

Amendments agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen 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 (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Donald Cameron, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Lambert, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Pratten, and Mr. Thompson.

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