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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Deportation—Rev. M. O'Flanagan and J. J. O'Kelly—Summary of the communications which have passed between the Attorney-General's Department and the legal representatives of the Irish Envoys.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1923-24.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Sydney, 23rd July, 1923.

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Sydney, 23rd July, 1923.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) having delivered the Budget Speech, moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

Question—proposed.

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26th July, 1923.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. PAPER.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1923-24—Papers presented by the Honorable Earle Page, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1923-24.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONALITY BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Nationality Act 1920-1922'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY CROWN LANDS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Crown Lands in the Northern Territory of Australia*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

8. PROVISIONAL PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA —APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to carry out the erection of Provisional Parliament House buildings at Canberra, a proposed work which has been investigated and reported upon by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. TARIFF BOARD 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.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "now" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"withdrawn and introduced after redrafting so as to provide for a Board of three members, being representative of the manufacturers, the primary producers, and of the public generally.

That the duty of the Board should be to inquire into and report to the Parliament of the incidence of the Tariff, how it affects the industries of Australia, what industries are suffering from unfair or undue competition, and to what extent and by what method such industries should be fostered and developed, and generally to inform the Parliament as to the best means of developing the resources of Australia, primary and secondary.

That in their investigations their procedure be similar to that adopted by the Inter-State Commission, all evidence to be taken in public and on oath except when, in the discretion of the Board, such course is inadvisable in the public interest or contrary to justice, and with no power to compulsorily obtain evidence regarding secret processes.

That they should specially inquire into and have the fullest power in respect of alleged combinations and restraint of trade which in their opinion are detrimental to the best interests of Australia.

That these amendments take effect as from 15th December, 1923."

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

26th July, 1923.

The House divided—

| Ayes, 37. | | Noes, 20. | |
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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Killen | Mr. Anstey | Mr. Frederick McDonald |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lister | Mr. Brennan | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Mackay | Mr. Coleman | Mr. O'Keefe |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Manning | Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Marks | Mr. Forde | Mr. E. C. Riley |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Maxwell | Mr. Gabb | Mr. West |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Earle Page | Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. Gregory | |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Prowse | Mr. Lacey | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Scullin | Mr. Mann | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Gardner | Mr. Stewart | | |
| Mr. Gibson | Mr. Thompson | | |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. William Watson | | |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Whitsitt | | |
| Mr. Hill | | | |
| Mr. Hughes | <i>Tellers :</i> | | |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. Marr | | |
| Mr. Hurry | Mr. Watkins | | |
| Mr. Jackson | | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

| Ayes, 37. | | Noes 19. | |
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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Jackson | Mr. Anstey | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Killen | Mr. Charlton | Mr. E. C. Riley |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Lister | Mr. Coleman | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Mackay | Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Mann | Mr. Forde | Mr. West |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Manning | Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Marks | Mr. Lacey | |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Maxwell | Mr. Lazzarini | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Mr. Earle Page | Mr. Makin | |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Frederick McDonald |
| Mr. Gabb | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. O'Keefe | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Gardner | Mr. Stewart | | |
| Mr. Gibson | Mr. Thompson | | |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. William Watson | | |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Whitsitt | | |
| Mr. Groom | | | |
| Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers :</i> | | |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Marr | | |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. Prowse | | |
| Mr. Hurry | | | |

And so it was 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to eleven 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. Bamford, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Fenton, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Lambert, Mr. McNeill, and Mr. Seabrook.

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