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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1923.

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

2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lacey 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 shipping facilities existing at Eyre's Peninsula and Spencer's Gulf Ports, which are detrimental to the trade and development of that part of South Australia".

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. Lacey moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Charles McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Charlton	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	

Tellers :

Mr. Fenton
Mr. Yates

Noes, 32.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Groom	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	
Sir Elliot Johnson	

Tellers :

Mr. Marr
Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

3. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL (1923).—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 to 10 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Stewart, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Stewart, the Bill was read a third time.

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4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 12 of 1923—Australian Postal Linemen's Union.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
 Artarmon, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Landsborough, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

5. SULPHUR BOUNTY 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. 20—
 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 Payment of a Bounty on Sulphur.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook 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. Austin Chapman 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.

Mr. Bruce 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.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 13 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—CUSTOMS TARIFF [SULPHUR] AMENDMENT.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister)—That, so long as a bounty is payable on sulphur under any law of the Commonwealth, the importation of sulphur, to which sub-Item (A) (1) of Item 275 of the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1922 applies, shall be free of duty.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

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.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF [SULPHUR] BILL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs on Sulphur*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Bruce moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 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.

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(In the Committee.)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6.
9. SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL (1923).—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. 21—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 Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917-1922.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook 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.
 Mr. Austin Chapman 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.)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Service and Execution of Process Act 1901-1922 ;*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 16th August, 1923.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ALIENS REGISTRATION ACT REPEAL BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to repeal the ' Aliens Registration Act 1920 ;*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 16th August, 1923.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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.

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12. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Scullin 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.
13. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1923).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 14th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Income Tax Assessment Act 1922’*,” 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.
14. WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Charlton 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.
15. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Edward Riley called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.
The Bells having been rung and a quorum having been obtained within the prescribed time—
Debate continued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Bayley	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Josiah Francis	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 27.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Charles McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O’Keefe
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lambert	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Makin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. W. Maloney	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Bruce again moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Sir Elliot Johnson rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Blakeley moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question being accordingly put—That the House do now adjourn—

The House divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Josiah Francis	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. O’Keefe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Charles McDonald	

And so it was negatived.

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16. MOTION THAT MR. SPEAKER LEAVE THE CHAIR.—Mr. Charlton moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. R. W. Foster rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Mahony moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question being accordingly put—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Charles McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. E. C. Riley

Tellers :

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bowden	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Killen
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Sir Granville Rylie
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Josiah Francis	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	

Tellers :

Mr. Marr
Mr. Prowse

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker thereupon, at four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, left the Chair 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. Roland Green, Sir Neville Howse*, Mr. Latham, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Thompson.

*On leave.

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