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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MAY, 1924.

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

2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 34.*

A Bill intituled "*Canned Fruit Bounty Act 1924*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Sydney, 24th May, 1924.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (1924) [£850,000].—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 35.*

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.

Government House,
Melbourne, 29th March, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BANKRUPTCY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Bankruptcy*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st May, 1924.

Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) 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.

5. MINISTRY—RESIGNATION OF MINISTER FOR TRADE AND CUSTOMS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) announced to the House that Mr. Austin Chapman had resigned his office as Minister for Trade and Customs, and Health, as from Monday, 26th May.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—£10,000,000 LOAN.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in connexion with the Loan of £10,000,000 recently raised in London.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
Bunyip, Victoria—for Postal purposes.
Invermay, Tasmania—for Postal purposes.
Mount Hawthorn, Western Australia—for Postal purposes.
North Norwood, South Australia—for Postal purposes.

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8. NORTHERN TERRITORY CROWN LANDS 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 by Mr. Nelson, who moved, as an amendment, That after the word "That" the following words be inserted :—"the Bill be deferred pending an investigation and report by a Committee of this House."

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Latham
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Forde	Mr. West	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates	Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Mahony		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Whitsitt
		Sir Littleton Groom	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hurry	
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr
		Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Debate on original question continued.

Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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.

9. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day:—

Naval Construction Bill—Consideration, in Committee, of the Governor-General's Message No. 30—

was called on, and, on the motion of Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General), was discharged.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 36.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two million five hundred thousand pounds for Naval Construction and for a Reserve for Defence.

Sydney, 20th May, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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

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

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Hunter*, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,

Clerk-Assistant, for Clerk of the House of Representatives.