
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1924.

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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Frederick McDonald 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 acute distress due to unemployment at present prevailing in the Commonwealth, and particularly in Sydney and Melbourne; and the obligation upon the Commonwealth Government to assist in the relief of same."
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. Frederick McDonald moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment of E. L. Sayce, Department of Defence.
Treaties of Peace (Austria and Bulgaria) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 79, 80.
Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 78.
Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 81.
4. MAIN ROADS DEVELOPMENT BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 41 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Main Roads Development.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

Mr. Stewart 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. Stewart, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Stewart and Sir Littleton Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Stewart 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. Stewart moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

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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 3 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

5. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 39 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Sir Littleton Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page 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. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past ten 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—Sir Austin Chapman*, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Latham, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Seabrook, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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