

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH JULY, 1924.

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. McNeill 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 allocation of the Commonwealth grant for the construction and extensions of developmental roads".
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. McNeill moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HOP POOL AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 58.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to authorize the Execution by the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Tasmanian Hop-Growers' Pool Limited, and for other purposes," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th July, 1924.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered, by leave—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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 Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 3, The Schedule, at end of clause 2 add "but not including any hops grown during the seasons One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five or the proceeds of the sale of any such hops".

On the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), after debate, Amendment agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the House adopted the Report.

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4. DEFENCE EQUIPMENT 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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Anstey, viz. :—That after the word “ That ” the following words be inserted :—“ as efforts are being made by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain to convene another Conference to deal with the question of further disarmament, and in view of the early sitting of the League of Nations, it is the opinion of this House that expenditure on naval construction should be deferred for the present ”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Fenton 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Corser, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Latham*, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. Seabrook*, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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