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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 31st JULY, 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. Corser 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 precarious condition of the Dairying Industry of the Commonwealth and the necessity for prompt action by the Government for stabilizing the industry".
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. Corser 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 Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Munitions Supply Board—Second Report, from 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923; together with Commonwealth Government Factories—Clothing; Harness, Saddlery, and Leather Accoutrements; Woollen Cloth—Reports for year ended 30th June, 1923.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1924—No. 16—Gaming.
4. QUARANTINE BILL (1924).—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), pursuant to leave given on the 1st April last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Quarantine Act 1908-1920,'*" 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.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1924-25.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 50.

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-five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Sydney, 22nd July, 1924.

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FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

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-five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Sydney, 22nd July, 1924.

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

6. 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.

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 ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

7. PAPER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1924–25—Papers presented by the Honorable Earle Page, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1924–25.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3, and Notice of Motion No. 1, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

9. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1924).—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. 49—

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford 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 Mr. Bruce 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.

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. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

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10. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the remaining Business be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5, 16, and 23.
11. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day :—
Sea-Carriage of Goods Bill (1923)—*Second reading*—*Resumption of debate*—
was called on, and, on the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), was discharged.
12. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day :—
Papua Bill (1923)—*Second reading*—*Resumption of debate*—
was called on, and, on the motion of Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories), was discharged.
13. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day :—
New Guinea Bill (1923)—*Second reading*—
was called on, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), was discharged.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered, after debate—That Order of the Day No. 2] be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8, Government Business.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FEDERAL CAPITAL CITY—SEWERAGE EXTENSION.**
—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for investigation and report, viz. :—Federal Capital—Southern Intercepting Sewer—Extension of Main Intercepting Sewer within City boundary from Commonwealth Avenue to Eastlake.
Mr. Stewart having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
16. **CATTLE EXPORT BOUNTY 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.
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. Bamford reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

17. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen 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—
Mr. Bayley, Mr. Brennan, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Latham*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McNeill, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Seabrook*, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. William Watson.

* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.