

1923-24.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 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. NEW ZEALAND RE-EXPORTS BILL.—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Value for Duty of Goods not the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, which are imported into Australia from New Zealand.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Pratten 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL (1924).—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Sea-Carriage of Goods.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Pratten 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1924-25.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1924-25.

Vote—"The Home and Territories Department, £20,000," agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Defence," £311,323—

Division No. 2 debated.

Mr. Austey moved, as an amendment, That the amount, £160,803, be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.

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| Mr. Anstey | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. O'Keefe |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. E. C. Riley |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. West |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Lacey | |
| Mr. Makin | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Mathews | Mr. Fenton |
| Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Lazzarini |

Noes, 26.

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| Mr. Atkinson | Sir Elliot Johnson |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Mann |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Manning |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Pratten |
| Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | |
| Mr. Gardner | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Hurry | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Jackson | Mr. Prowse |

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Division agreed to.

Division No. 3 agreed to.

Division No. 4 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 5 debated.

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Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, that the amount £7,129, be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 17. | | Noes, 25. | |
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| Mr. Anstey | Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Atkinson | Sir Elliot Johnson |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. McNeill | Mr. Bowden | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. O'Keefe | Mr. Bruce | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. E. C. Riley | Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Mann |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. West | Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Manning |
| Mr. Albert Green | | Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Lacey | | Mr. Corser | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Lazzarini | <i>Tellers :</i> | Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Mr. Pratten |
| Mr. Makin | Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Mathews | Mr. Parker Moloney | Mr. Josiah Francis | |
| | | Mr. Gardner | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| | | Sir Neville Howse | Mr. Marr |
| | | Mr. Hunter | Mr. Prowse |
| | | Mr. Hurry | |

And so it was negatived.

Division agreed to.

Remainder of Vote—"Department of Defence," agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £5,979," agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Health, £66,487," agreed to.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister)—That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1924–25, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £403,789.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That the consideration of the Resolution be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

Meat Export Bounties Act (1923)—Return of Subsidies paid on Frozen Beef, Canned Beef, and Live Cattle exported from the Commonwealth.

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-three 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, Mr. Brennan, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham*, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Edward Riley, 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.