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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 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. 52.

A Bill intituled "*Commonwealth Electoral 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, 31st July, 1924.

3. MINISTRY—RESIGNATION OF MINISTER FOR WORKS AND RAILWAYS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) announced to the House that Mr. Stewart had resigned his office as Minister for Works and Railways.

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

Canned Fruit Bounty Act—Statement of persons, &c., to whom Bounty has been paid to—
31st July, 1924.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. Corser, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report is as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

(1) The Joint Committee, having reconsidered the Report of the Commonwealth Meteorologist on the Meteorological Service for the year 1922-1923, presented to Parliament on the 9th May, 1924, recommend that the same be printed.

(2) The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed:—

Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and transactions during year ended 30th June, 1923.
Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Statement by the Minister for Trade and Customs of reasons for allowing the use of certain imported articles in manufactures (Tractors) on which bounty is payable.

*New Guinea—Report on Expropriated Properties and Businesses, by Yarwood, Vane and Co., with G. Mason Allard; together with comments thereon by Walter H. Lucas, Chairman of the Expropriation Board, and comments by F. R. Jolley, Deputy Chairman of the Expropriation Board, accompanied by a copy of a Report by H. W. Simmonds, Acting Government Entomologist for Fiji.

* Presented to House of Representatives only.

E. B. C. CORSER,
Chairman.Senate Committee Room,
1st August, 1924.

Mr. Corser moved, That the Report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

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(600 copies.)

6th August, 1924.

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

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 53.*

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 ~~Supplies of~~ Money.

Sydney, 2nd August, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

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

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 54.*

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 of Moneys to be loaned to the States, and for other purposes.

Sydney, 5th August, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1924–25.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply, the said Resolution was read and is as follows :—

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.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Resolution be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1924–25.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1924–25, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £403,789.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

10. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1924–25.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,* ” 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, after debate, 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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11. SUPPLY—[BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (*see p. 330 ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

Progress to be reported, and leave 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.

12. STATES LOAN 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. 54—
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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of Moneys to be loaned to the States, and for other purposes.

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.

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.

13. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. Corser, Chairman, moved, by leave, That the Report from the Printing Committee, presented to the House this day, be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

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

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 102.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Lindisfarne, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.

Rosewood, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 110, 111.

Papua Act—Ordinance of 1924—No. 4—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 1923–24 ; together with Supplementary Estimates 1923–24.

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 103, 104, 105, 112.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at—

Kempsey, New South Wales.

Parramatta, New South Wales.

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15. 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 half-past two 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. Gibson*, Mr. Albert 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. Edward Riley, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. William Watson.

* On leave

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