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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 100.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH 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. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, for the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Northcote, Victoria.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Fenton, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Expenditure on the Royal Australian Naval College and the Royal Military College.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Navigation Act—Royal Commission—Report—  
By Mr. J. H. Prowse, M.P. (Chairman), and Mr. A. C. Scabrook, M.P.  
By Mr. F. Anstey, M.P., Senator C. S. McHugh, and Mr. G. E. Yates, M.P.  
By Senator W. L. Duncan and Senator H. E. Elliott.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Papua Act—Infirm and Destitute Natives' Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees, 1923-24.  
Taxation—Eighth Annual Report of the Commissioner, years 1920-21, 1921-22, and 1922-23.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement with reference to the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the charges made by the honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Scullin) in regard to the Administration of the Land and Income Tax Acts.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EMPLOYMENT OF MALAYS.—Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to employment of Malays in the Northern Territory.
7. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.)

Clauses 1 to 9 agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the following new clause was inserted, after debate, to follow clause 6 :—

6A. A bill of lading issued in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article III. of the Rules shall for all purposes be deemed to be a valid bill of lading with the like effect, and capable of negotiation in all respects and with the like consequences, as if it were a shipped bill of lading.

Received for  
shipment bill  
of lading.

20th August, 1924.

Schedule agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the House, by leave, adopted the Report.  
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. NEW ZEALAND RE-EXPORTS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. Bamford reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913-1920*, Senator H. S. Foll has been appointed a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts in the place of Senator B. Benny, discharged from attendance.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 20th August, 1924.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 55.

Bills intituled—

“ War Pensions Appropriation Act 1924 ”  
“ Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1924 ”  
“ Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1924-25 ”  
“ Cattle Export Bounty 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 Acts.

Brisbane, 15th August, 1924.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

L. F. CUSSEN,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 56.

A Bill intituled “ Commonwealth Bank Act 1924 ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, the Deputy of the Governor-General has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 20th August, 1924.

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

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

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hill, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Hughes\*, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. Prowse, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

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