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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
Nos. 32, 33, 34, and 35 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association ;
Australian Postal Electricians' Union ; Australian Postal Linemen's Union ; Line
Inspectors' Association ; and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
War Gratuity Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 118.
3. DRIED FRUITS ADVANCES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 59 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Advances to Growers of Dried Fruits.

Question—put and passed
Resolution to be reported

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Bruce and Mr. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Gabb moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

4. 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.

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General debate resumed.

First Item agreed to.

Question proposed—That the remainder of the Vote—"1.—The Parliament £59,470"—be agreed to. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

L. F. CUSSSEN,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 60.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of Fortified Wine.

Melbourne, 27th August, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1924-25.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 27th August, 1924.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
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, Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom*, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen, Mr. Latham*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Prowse, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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