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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. BAYLEY, SIR GRANVILLE RYRIE, MR. W. MALONEY, AND MR. HILL).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Oxley (Mr. Bayley), to the honorable Member for Warringah (Sir Granville Ryrie), and to the honorable Member for Melbourne (Mr. W. Maloney), and for one month to the honorable Member for Echuca (Mr. Hill), on the ground of urgent public business.
Question—put and passed.
3. TARIFF BOARD 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 to amend the *Tariff Board Act 1921-1923*.
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. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, UNLEY AND NORWOOD, SOUTH AUSTRALIA—APPROVAL OF WORKS.—Mr. Atkinson (for Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed works:—Establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchanges at Unley and Norwood, South Australia, which works have been investigated by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations.
Question—put and passed.
5. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 60 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 Bounty on the Export of Fortified Wine.

Debate ensued.

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.

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Debate ensued.

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.

6. DRIED FRUITS ADVANCES 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, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 369 *ante*) the Bill was, after debate, read a third time.

7. 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. 61.

A Bill intituled "*Supply Act (No. 2) 1924-25*", 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, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NEW ZEALAND RE-EXPORTS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 72.

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

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th August, 1924.

9. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1924-25]—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question—That the remainder of the Vote—"I.—The Parliament, £59,470," be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £300,311"—

Division No. 9—

Mr. Scullin moved, That the first item—Secretary, £1,300—be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Gardner		Mr. McNeill	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Jackson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the first item be reduced by £1—

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Gabb	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. West	Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Lambert		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Makin	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Gardner	
		Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven 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. Charlton*, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom*, Mr. Hill*, Mr. Killen, Mr. Latham*, Mr. W. Maloney*, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. Prowse, Sir Granville Ryrie*, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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