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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 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. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Railways Act—By-law No. 29.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, BRISBANE CENTRAL.—Mr. Atkinson (for Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for its investigation and report thereon, viz.:—Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Brisbane Central.
Mr. Atkinson having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. TARIFF BOARD BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
6. QUARANTINE 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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Albert Green moved, as an amendment, That the words "Provided that should any animal disease be introduced into Australia, its eradication and economic recompense to the sufferers from such introduction shall be a charge upon the Treasurer of the Commonwealth" be inserted in paragraph (a) after the word "plants" (line 15).

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That the words "Provided that upon instructions being issued by the Commonwealth Government involving the destruction of stock or property to prevent the spread of the disease, compensation for losses sustained by owners in carrying out the Government instructions be allowed such owners by the Commonwealth on a fair and just basis" be inserted in paragraph (a) after the word "plants" (line 15).

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Forde	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Corser	Mr. Mann
Mr. Gabb	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Manning
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lambert		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton	Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. West	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 74.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of Fortified Wine,*" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th September, 1924.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bayley*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Sir Austin Chapman,
Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Gibson*, Sir Littleton Groom*, Mr. Hill*, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Killen*,
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Latham*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. W. Maloney*, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Maxwell*,
Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Prowse*,
Sir Granville Ryrie*, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates*.

*On leave.

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