

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 127.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 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. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McGrath rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The Administration of the Defence Department in connexion with Military training".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. McGrath moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report on the alteration of the basis of British Preference; together with the representations made by the Australian Association of British Manufacturers and their representatives on the same subject.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 55 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 56 of 1924—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.

No. 57 of 1924—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.

No. 58 of 1924—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 59 of 1924—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.

No. 60 of 1924—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 17th September, 1924) prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Butter and Cheese.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 3) (1924) [£850,000].—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

L. F. CUSSEN,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 75.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.

Melbourne, 8th September, 1924.

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

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 and Expending of certain Sums of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Makin 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.

7th October, 1924.

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.

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. Makin reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, after debate, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1924).—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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

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.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 4, Government Business.
7. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day :—

Lessee Tax Bill—Further consideration in Committee—

was called on, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), was discharged.

8. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
- Question—put and passed.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—EXPORT GUARANTEE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 76.

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 be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Guarantees of Advances made upon the Export of Produce and for other purposes.

Government House,

Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.

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

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

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past 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. Bamford, Mr. Bayley*, Mr. Blakeley*, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Gabb, Sir Littleton Groom*, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney*, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Nelson, Mr. E. C. Riley, Sir Granville Ryrie*, and Mr. Whitsitt.

* On leave.

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