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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1925.

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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 98.
3. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence on all sitting days except Thursdays, when General Business shall take precedence until half-past six o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—
On one Thursday—
Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.
On the alternate Thursday—
Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion.
Question—put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 3 be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1925).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1924*.
Question—put and passed.
7. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1925).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1924*.
Question—put and passed.
8. DISTILLATION BILL (1925).—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 section 40 of the *Distillation Act 1901-1923*.
Question—put and passed.
9. CUSTOMS BILL (1925).—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 *Customs Act 1901-1923*.
Question—put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 8 be postponed until a later hour this day.
11. POWER ALCOHOL BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 6—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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 Manufacture of Power Alcohol.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

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

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.

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

Mr. Forde 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 a later hour this day.

12. EXPORT GUARANTEE BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 3—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 amend section five of the *Export Guarantee Act 1924*.

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.

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. Bruce, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 28 *ante*) the Bill was read a third time.

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14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 9.
15. **HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1925).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. **NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL (1925).**—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 1 for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Northern Territory Representation Bill (1924), be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith, and that the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session), be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
17. **LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1925).**—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 2, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Lands Acquisition Bill (1924), be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith, and that the second reading of the Bill (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
18. **NATIONALITY BILL (1925).**—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 3, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Nationality Bill (1923), be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith, and that the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session), be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
19. **RAILWAYS BILL (1925).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 5—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend section fourteen of the *Commonwealth Railways Act 1917*.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Hill 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.

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The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hill, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Hill 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.

20. POWER ALCOHOL BOUNTY 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.

Mr. West 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.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1925-26.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

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-six,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 26th June, 1925.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (No. 1) (1925) [£2,086,000].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 26th June, 1925.

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

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bowden, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Corser, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Littleton Groom, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald, and Mr. Frederick McDonald.

° WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.