

1925.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND JULY, 1925.

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. WAR SERVICE HOMES COMMISSION AND H. DEAN AND SONS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Watkins moved, pursuant to notice—
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the claim of H. Dean and Sons, of Newcastle, New South Wales, against the War Service Homes Commission.
 - (2) That such Committee consist of Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. E. C. Riley, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Gardner, and the Mover, five to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers and records and examine judgment in connexion therewith, to adjourn from place to place; and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken; and that such Committee do report this day three months.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.

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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Mann |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Manning |
| Sir Austin Chapman | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Gibson | Mr. Pratten |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. Whitsitt |
| Sir Neville Howse | |
| Mr. Hughes | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Jackson | |
| Sir Elliot Johnson | Mr. Gardner |
| Mr. Killen | Mr. Hunter |

Noes, 25.

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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. O'Keefe |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. E. C. Riley |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. West |
| Mr. Lacey | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Mahony | |
| Mr. Makin | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. W. Maloney | |
| Mr. Mathews | Mr. Fenton |
| Mr. Charles McDonald | Mr. Lazzarini |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th instant.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 13th August next; that Notice of Motion No. 3 be postponed until Thursday, 27th August next; and that Notice of Motion No. 4 be postponed until Thursday, 9th instant.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1919'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 2nd July, 1925.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ALIENS REGISTRATION ACT SUSPENSION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to suspend the Operation of the 'Aliens Registration Act 1920'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 2nd July, 1925.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

6. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT (BONUS SHARES) BILL.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to validate certain Refunds of Income Tax and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, That the words "and for other purposes" be omitted from the motion.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Original question—put and passed.

7. IMMIGRATION BILL (1925).—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—*and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That after the word "now" the following words be inserted :—"withdrawn and re-drafted to provide more adequate provisions regarding alien immigration, and for the reconsideration of the drastic proposals to deport Australian citizens"*—

Debate resumed.

Mr. O'Keefe 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.

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 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. Bowden, Mr. Corser, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Lambert, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Thompson.

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