

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY, 1925.

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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAGUE OF NATIONS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the inclusion of Mrs. R. R. S. Mackinnon on the Australian Delegation at the forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :—

Papuan Oilfields—Report for May, 1925, of the Commonwealth Representative.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua Act Ordinance of 1925—No. 2—Port Moresby Electric Light and Power.

Public Service Act—Appointment of H. K. Burbury, Postmaster-General's Department.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1925—No. 2—Industrial Board.

Service and Execution of Process Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 105.

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

MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 10.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1924'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th July, 1925.

Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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.—HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'High Court Procedure Act 1903-1921'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th July, 1925.

6. SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND NORTHERN MAIN INTERCEPTING SEWER—FEDERAL CAPITAL—APPROVAL OF WORKS.—Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories), moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed works, which were referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations :—

(1) Construction of Sewage Treatment Works, Federal Capital.

(2) Construction of Northern Main Intercepting Sewer, Canberra.

Question—put and passed.

F.6205,

8th July, 1925.

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. Mackay 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—

Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 19 of 1925—Australian Postal Linemen's Union.

No. 20 of 1925—Australian Postal Linemen's Union and others (Higher Duties Allowance.)

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Corser, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Scullin.

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