

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH 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. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—APPOINTMENT OF MR. PROWSE IN PLACE OF MR. HUNTER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Hunter be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and that, in his place, Mr. Prowse be appointed a member of the Committee.
Question—put and passed.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES LOAN BILL (1925).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

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 of Moneys to be loaned to the States, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 9th July, 1925.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

4. WAR SERVICE HOMES COMMISSION AND H. DEAN AND SONS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Watkins :—
 - (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 resumed.

Mr. E. C. Riley, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 16th instant.

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5. ELECTIVE MINISTRIES.—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That, in the opinion of this House, a system of Elective Ministries should be substituted for the existing system of Party Government in the Commonwealth Parliament.
- (2) That the passage of the foregoing resolution shall be an instruction to the Government to forthwith appoint a Committee representative of all Parties in the House, with power to call for persons and papers, to draft definite proposals for the purpose of carrying out the above elective executive principle on lines likely to prove most suitable to Commonwealth conditions.
- (3) That the Committee so appointed shall submit their report and recommendations to this House during the present Session for the purpose of enabling Parliament to discuss and take such action as it may decide in the light of the report and recommendations so submitted.

Debate ensued.

Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) 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 Thursday, 16th instant.

6. TITLES, GRANTING OF.—Mr. McGrath moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the granting of Titles is contrary to the sentiment of the Citizens of Australia.
- (2) That the above resolution be conveyed to His Gracious Majesty King George through His Excellency the Governor-General.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Seabrook
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Jackson	
Sir Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Frederick Francis
Mr. Latham	Mr. Hunter

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 13th August next.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 3 be postponed until Thursday, 20th August next.

8. ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS AND ARBITRATION COURT AWARDS.—Mr. Latham moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, means should be provided for the effective enforcement of all the laws which Parliament places or allows to remain upon the statute book and that as a general rule such enforcement should not be left to the initiative of interested parties: in particular, that officers should be appointed for the purpose of making necessary inspections and inquiries for the purpose of securing the observance by all parties of awards of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and of enforcing the provisions of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) 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 Thursday, 13th August next.

9. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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10. STATES LOAN BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 8 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—

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 of Moneys to be loaned to the States, and for other purposes.

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.

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.

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, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight 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. Bayley, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Corser, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Pratten, and Mr. Scullin.

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