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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO RESERVED BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 15.*

The Governor-General informs the House of Representatives that the proposed law intituled "*An Act to amend the Navigation Act 1912-1920*," which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has, by an Order in Council, dated the 24th day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, confirmed, approved, and declared his assent to the said proposed law.

The Governor-General has caused the King's assent to be proclaimed in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 63, dated 13th August, 1925, a copy of which proclamation is attached hereto.

Brisbane, 13th August, 1925.

PROCLAMATION.

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.
FORSTER,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Governor-General
of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS a proposed law entitled "*An Act to amend the Navigation Act 1912-1920*" has been passed by both Houses of the Parliament of the Commonwealth :

And whereas upon the said proposed law being on the twentieth day of July, 1925, presented to me for the Royal Assent, I declared that I reserved the said proposed law for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure :

And whereas the signification of His Majesty's pleasure has been communicated to me :

Now therefore I, Henry William, Baron Forster, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby proclaim and make known that the said proposed law has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that by an Order in Council made at the Court at Buckingham Palace, and bearing date the twenty-fourth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, His Majesty has been pleased to confirm, approve, and declare his assent to the proposed law.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth, at Melbourne, this sixth day of (L.S.) August, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the sixteenth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

LITTLETON E. GROOM,
for the Minister of State for Trade and Customs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1924*, by the provision of a Rural Credits Department.

Melbourne, 14th August, 1925.

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

4. THE LATE RIGHT HONORABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication from Mrs. Massey :—

“Ariki-Toa,” 260 Tinakori-road, Wellington,
7th August, 1925.

DEAR SIRS,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th July, forwarding a bound copy and other copies of resolutions and speeches delivered in both Houses of Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, relating to the death of my husband, the late Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Will you please accept and convey to Members of both Houses my family's and my own sincere and heartfelt thanks for the very kind sympathy and condolence extended to us in our great sorrow, and also an assurance of our very deep appreciation of the resolutions agreed to and the tributes paid to Mr. Massey's services.

Yours sincerely,
C. A. MASSEY.

The Honorable the President of the Senate, and
the Honorable the Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Parliament House, Melbourne.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Report on Agricultural Implements, and Recommendation in connexion therewith.
(*In substitution for the Paper presented on 14th ultimo.*)

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Petroleum—Report on Investigations made in New South Wales by Arthur Wade, D.Sc. (Lond.), &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Canned Fruit Bounty Act—Return for 1924-25.

Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—

Return for 1924-25.

Statement setting out particulars relating to approval given for the use of imported materials in the manufacture of products upon which bounty may be paid.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Nyngan, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1925—

No. 20—Supply (No. 1) 1925-26.

No. 21—Laws Repeal and Adopting (No. 2).

No. 22—Lands Registration (No. 2).

No. 23—Land (No. 2).

No. 24—Interpretation and Amendments Incorporation.

No. 25—Land (No. 3).

No. 26—Administrator's Powers.

No. 27—Sanitation.

No. 28—Pounds.

No. 29—Sale of Bread.

No. 30—Dog.

No. 31—Slaughtering.

No. 32—Sale of Meat.

No. 33—Venereal Diseases.

Public Service Act—

Appointment of D. A. Tate, Department of Health.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 130, 135.

Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 134.

Shale Oil Bounty Act—Return for 1924-25.

Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for 1924-25.

Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for 1924-25.

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6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1925-26.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1925-26.

Division No. 1 debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 2 agreed to.
 Division No. 3 debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 4 debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 5 agreed to.
 Division No. 6 debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 7 debated and agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 8 and 9 agreed to.
 Division No. 10 debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 11 debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 12 debated and agreed to.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1925-26, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £323,286.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay. X

Question—put and passed.

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1925-26.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1925-26.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1925-26, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £323,286.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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. Hill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1925-26.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A 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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*” 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 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 Bill was read a third time.

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11. RAILWAYS 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—
Debate resumed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 45.		Noes, 3.
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Latham	Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Makin	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Marks	
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Marr	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Frederick McDonald	
Mr. Corser	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson	
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. West	
Mr. Hughes		
Mr. Hurry		
Sir Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers :</i>	
Mr. Killen	Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Hunter	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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. Makin reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been suspended, see page 31 *ante*) the Bill was, after debate, read a third time.

12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 83.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 132.
Distillation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 111.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 133.
Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 73, 80, 86, 87, 97.
Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 88.

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

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past ten 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—
Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Parker Moloney, and Mr. Stewart.

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