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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 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 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. 23.

A Bill intituled "*Distillation Act 1925*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1925.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Petroleum—Report on Petroleum Prospects in parts of Western Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, by Arthur Wade, D.Sc. (Lond.), &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 138, 141.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 139, 140.

New Guinea Act—

Ordinances of 1925—

No. 36—Lands Registration (No. 3).

No. 37—Mining (No. 2).

No. 38—Native Labour (No. 2).

No. 39—Interpretation and Amendments Incorporation (No. 2).

No. 40—District Courts.

No. 41—Judiciary.

No. 42—Central Court Assessors.

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4. MAIN ROADS DEVELOPMENT 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. 19—

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 relating to Main Roads Development.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford 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.

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 Sir Littleton Groom 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.

Mr. Hill 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. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) (1925) [£8,300,000].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

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, 9th September, 1925.

6. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Charlton 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen 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—
Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates.

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