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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH 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 BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 25.

Bills intituled:—

“Loan Act (No. 2) 1925”
“Commonwealth Bank (Rural Credits) Act 1925”
“Main Roads Development 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 Acts.

Government House,
Melbourne, 14th September, 1925.

3. THE LATE SENATOR E. J. RUSSELL.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Russell a letter thanking the House for its resolution of sympathy in connexion with the death of her husband, Senator E. J. Russell.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 30th June, 1925; and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department at 30th June, 1925; together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

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

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

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—

Junior Cadet Regulations—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 151.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 148, 149, 150.

Public Service Act—

Appointments of A. Beech, G. L. Cockrell, J. P. Whyte, E. W. H. Solly, J. N. Deeble, L. R. Weidner, W. T. Haslam, W. G. Lawrie, A. Maclachlan, C. C. Boye, S. J. Young, A. L. Richmond, J. D. O'Brien, L. S. Bradshaw, H. T. Wisdom, G. Franklyn, and W. S. Hocking, Department of Works and Railways.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 152.

Tariff Board Act—Further Schedule of Recommendations by the Tariff Board (supplementary to the Report laid on the Table on 4th instant) in regard to the following:—Fellmongery; Hats, Fur Felt and Wool Felt; Bolts and Nuts, Black; Copper Rivets and Washers; Alternating Current House Service Meters; Wrought Iron and Malleable Case Iron Pipe Fittings; Putty; Glass—Plate and Sheet; Carbonate of Copper; Bentwood Chairs; Carillons and Bells in Peals; White Spirit.

Ordered—That the Recommendations with regard to Fellmongery; Hats, Fur Felt and Wool Felt; be printed.

5. CUSTOMS BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
F.6205.

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Clause 2 omitted.

New clause—

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

2. After section one hundred and fifty-one of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“ 151A.—(1.) Where in or under any Customs Tariff, whether passed before or after the commencement of this section, duties of Customs are imposed upon goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, the following goods shall, subject to this section, be deemed to be the produce or manufacture of that country :—

Conditions relating to application of Preferential Tariff.

- (a) Goods which are wholly produced or wholly manufactured in the United Kingdom :
Provided that goods shall not be deemed to be wholly manufactured in the United Kingdom if, in the raw material used or in the finished goods, any manufacturing process has been performed in any country outside the United Kingdom (other than Australia) which is being commercially performed in the United Kingdom ;
- (b) Goods which are not in accordance with the last preceding paragraph wholly produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom, in the manufacture or production of which not less than seventy-five per centum of their factory or works cost consists of United Kingdom labour or material ;
- (c) Goods to which neither of the last two preceding paragraphs applies, which are of a class or kind not commercially manufactured in Australia and in the manufacture of which not less than twenty-five per centum of their factory or works cost consists of United Kingdom labour or material.

“ (2.) No goods shall be deemed to be the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, unless the final process of their production or manufacture was performed in the United Kingdom.

“ (3.) The provisions of this section shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in relation to goods imported from any country with which the Commonwealth has a preferential Tariff Agreement in like manner as they apply in relation to goods imported from the United Kingdom.

“ (4.) For the purposes of the last three preceding sub-sections the Minister may, from time to time, determine—

- (a) what shall be deemed to be raw materials and in any such determination may include materials partially manufactured in Australia ;
- (b) the method of determining factory and works cost and the value of labour and material ; and
- (c) whether any manufacturing process is being commercially performed in the United Kingdom and whether any goods are of a class or kind not commercially manufactured in Australia.

“ (5.) Statutory Rules 1925, No. 29, shall be deemed to have been valid and effectual from the time of their making to the commencement of this section.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That “ seventy-five ” be omitted from sub-section (1.), paragraph (b), with a view to the insertion of “ fifty ” in place thereof.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed new clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 48

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Manning
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Charles McDonald
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Corser	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Forde	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Watkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	Mr. Whitsitt
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Frederick Francis
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 7.

Mr. Duncan-Hughes
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Gregory
Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Thomas Paterson

Tellers :

Mr. Mann
Mr. Prowse

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That after the word “ Australia ” in sub-section (4.), paragraph (c), the words “ and shall be notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* ” be inserted.

Amendment agreed to.

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New clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“ 3. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Principal Act or in the Australian Industries Preservation Act, no duty shall be imposed on any goods which the Parliament has decided shall be admitted free of duty.”

Proposed new clause ruled out of order.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Pratten 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.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House with a view to the consideration of a proposed new clause.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

6. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Atkinson (Honorary Minister) 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. AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Roland Green moved, as an amendment, That the words “ ‘ the War ’ means the war which commenced on the fourth day of August One thousand nine hundred and fourteen ” (lines 10–11) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words “ ‘ War ’ means any war in which Australian sailors or soldiers have been engaged officially as a unit ” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. William Watson
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mann	Mr. Malcolm Cameron
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Thomas Paterson	

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Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Bayley	Mr. J.azzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Makin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Forde	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watkins
Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Roland Green moved, as an amendment, That the word “ the ” (line 13) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment ruled out of order.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 15 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Marr, after debate, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Marr moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

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8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.
9. NAVAL PROPERTIES TRANSFER BILL.—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.
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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.
First Schedule, together with Annexures, debated and agreed to.
Second Schedule agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.
On the motion of Sir Littleton Groom, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8.
11. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION 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—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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson (Honorary Minister) the following amendments were made:—

Page 1, line 13, omit "Registrar", insert "Clerk".

Page 1, line 18, omit "Registrar", insert "Clerk".

Page 2, line 11, omit "Registrar" (second occurring), insert "Clerk".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clauses—

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson, after debate, the following new clause was added to the Bill to follow clause 1:—

1A. Section four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the words "the member representing the Northern Territory" and inserting in their stead the words "members of the House of Representatives".

Qualifications of member for the Northern Territory.

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson, after debate, the following new clause was added to the Bill to follow new clause 1A:—

1B. Section eight of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "A member representing the Northern Territory shall be elected at" and inserting in their stead the words "An election of a member representing the Northern Territory shall be held as nearly as practicable at the same time as".

Time at which election to be held.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

Mr. Atkinson 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.

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

12. ELECTORAL BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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.

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

And then the House, at twenty-three 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—
Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. McNeill, Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Earle Page, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. West.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.