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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1926.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
High Court—Reasons for Judgment in Cases of Messrs. Johnson and Walsh, detained in custody pending deportation.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
Ordinance No. 2 of 1926—Meat Industry Encouragement.
3. WAR SERVICE HOMES COMMISSION AND H. DEAN AND SONS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Watkins moved, pursuant to notice—
  - (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the claim of H. Dean and Sons, of Mayfield, Newcastle, New South Wales, against the War Service Homes Department.
  - (2) That such Committee consist of Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. E. C. Riley, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watson, and the Mover, five to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers and records and examine judgments 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 ensued.  
Mr. West 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, 4th February next.
4. REFERENDUM AND INITIATIVE.—Mr. W. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice—
  - (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the Referendum and Initiative should be embedded into the Commonwealth Constitution, and that such question should be placed before the electors at the next General Election for acceptance or rejection.
  - (2) That contingent upon the passing of such motion it be an instruction to the Government of the day to bring in a Bill to carry it into effect.
 Mr. Gibson (Postmaster-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, 4th February next.
5. NAVIGATION BILL (1926).—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act* 1912-1925.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Pratten 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.  
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. RAILWAYS (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) AGREEMENT BILL.—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.

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*(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 (Minister for Works and Railways), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. OODNADATTA TO ALICE SPRINGS RAILWAY BILL.—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.  
Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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 a later hour this day.
8. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF] PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That notwithstanding anything contained in the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924*, from and after a time and date to be proclaimed, the importation into Australia, direct from the Territory of Papua or the Territory of New Guinea, of such of the goods specified in the Schedule to this resolution as were produced or manufactured in the Territory from which they are imported, shall be free of duty.

## THE SCHEDULE.

Item No.	Item No. of Customs Tariff 1921-1924.	Item.
1	43 (A)	Coffee, raw and kiln dried
2	53 (A)	Fruits, dried, viz., Litchi
3	52 (C)	Fruits, fresh, viz., Chicomamey, Litchi, Longan, Akee, Pulasan, Rambutan, Avocado, Mangosteen, Sapote, Sapodilla, Abiu, Star-apple, Langsat, Imbu, Ilama, Durian, Jaboticaba, Grumichama, Kao Pan Seedless Pummelo, and Jak Fruit
4	101 or 102	Fungi, edible
5	56	Ginger, green
6	57 (D)	Gram and Pulse, viz., Rangoon Beans
7	78 (B) 78 (C) 78 (D)	Nuts, viz. :— (A) Coconuts, whole (B) Coconuts, prepared (C) Unshelled
8	92	Seeds, viz., Kapok, Sesame

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

9. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BOUNTIES BILL.—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. 7—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Bounties on certain Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Territory of Papua and on certain Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Territory of New Guinea.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley 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.

Question—put and passed.

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The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pratten, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pratten and Mr. Atkinson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Pratten 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. Pratten 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.

10. NAVIGATION BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.

11. OODNADATTA TO ALICE SPRINGS RAILWAY BILL.—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.

Mr. Manning 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bowden, and Mr. Watt.

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