

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1926.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 14.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 12, 13.
 - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance No. 5 of 1926—Electric Energy.
 - Public Works Committee Act—Wharf at Rabaul, New Guinea—Plans, specifications, estimates of cost, &c., in connexion with proposed work referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 28th instant, viz., Selection of Site and Construction of Wharf at Rabaul, Territory of New Guinea.
3. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT (BONUS SHARES) BILL.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to validate certain Refunds of Income Tax and for other purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
4. WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1926).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the War-time Profits Tax Assessment Act 1924 and for other purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RAILWAY EXTENSION FROM PORT AUGUSTA TO RED HILL.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for its investigation and report thereon, i.e., Extension of the Trans-Australian Railway from Port Augusta to Red Hill (South Australia), and the laying of a third rail to provide a railway of 4 ft. 8½ in. gauge on the South Australian 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway between Red Hill and the Central railway station, Adelaide.
Mr. Hill having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
7. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BOUNTIES 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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), the following amendments were made:—

Page 2, line 2, by omitting " or manufacture "

Page 2, line 10, by omitting " or manufactured "

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the following amendment was made:—

Page 2, lines 13–14, by omitting " or manufacture "

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 10 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title—

On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the Title was amended by omitting " or Manufacture " (twice occurring).

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments, and with an amended Title.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pratten (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 24), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. NAVIGATION BILL (1926).—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 3—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Scullin, viz. :—That the words "manned by white labour" be inserted after the word "ships" (line 18).

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 42.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lacey		Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Lambert		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Makin	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Mathews	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Nott
		Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Pratten
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gullett	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to proposed new sub-section (6.) :—

" ; Provided that such permission shall not be granted to any unlicensed ships unless the owners agree to pay Australian rates of wages to the members of the crew during the period those ships are engaged in carrying passengers from one Australian port to another port in the Commonwealth."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 44.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Forde	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Lambert		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Makin	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Nott
		Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Pratten
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson
		Sir Neville Howse	
		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 42.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Nott
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gullett	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	Mr. Watt
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Manning

Noes, 16.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Makin	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Pratten moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question -put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 41.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Pratten
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gullett	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Manning
Sir Elliot Johnson	

Noes, 18.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Albert Green
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Yates

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. 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 :—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

A Bill intituled "*Appropriation Act 1925-26*," 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, 29th January, 1926.

10. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Profit and Loss Account for the period 1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

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11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Rodgers, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Watkins, and
Mr. West.

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