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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Federal Capital Advisory Committee—Construction of Canberra—Final Report.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL (1926).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 45.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 *Shale Oil Bounty Act* 1917–1923.

Government House,
Melbourne, 1st July, 1926.

- Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
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 amend the *Shale Oil Bounty Act* 1917–1923.

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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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. Earle Page 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.

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. Makin reported accordingly.

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

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4. COMMERCE (TRADE DESCRIPTIONS) BILL (1926).—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section fifteen of the *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905*.

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.

Mr. Pratten moved, by leave, 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. Makin reported accordingly.

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

5. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL (1926).—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand in relation to Preferential Duties of Customs.

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.

Mr. Pratten moved, by leave, 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. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

6. FEDERAL AID ROADS 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. R. W. Foster 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. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five 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. Anstey, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Manning, and Mr. Thompson.

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