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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission, together with Statements and Balance Sheets, 1st July, 1925, to 30th June, 1926.
 - Ordered to be printed.
 - Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Statement by the Minister for Markets and Migration regarding the operation of the Act, together with the Second Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, dated 17th July, 1926.
3. IMPERIAL CONFERENCE, 1926—AGENDA—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 3rd instant*], viz. :—
 - Imperial Conference, 1926—Agenda—
 - be printed—
 - Debate resumed.
 - Mr. Coleman 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.
4. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL.—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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Seabrook moved, as an amendment, That after “ pears,” (line 16) the words “ apples, plums, currants, gooseberries, raspberries,” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

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Clause 14—

Mr. Seabrook moved, as an amendment, That after "licence" (line 11) the words "for twelve months" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 19 agreed to.

Clause 20 debated and agreed to.

Clause 21 agreed to.

Clause 22—

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That the words "or with any other prescribed bank" (lines 24–25) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 26 agreed to.

Clause 27 debated.

Mr. Seabrook moved, as an amendment, That the word "without" (line 8) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "with" in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 28 and 29 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.
6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved—

1. That a charge at the rate of one-fourth of a penny for each thirty ounces of canned fruits be imposed on all canned fruits exported from the Commonwealth, after a date fixed by Proclamation under the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution, subject to a lower rate being prescribed by regulations made under that Act.

2. That the charge imposed in pursuance of this Resolution shall cease to be imposed upon a date fixed by Proclamation under the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution as the date upon which that Act shall cease to be in force.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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. Thomas Paterson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thomas Paterson and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Paterson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose Charges upon the Export of Canned Fruits*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. Thomas Paterson, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence Department—Estimates of Expenditure, 1926-27—Explanatory Statement prepared
by direction of the Minister for Defence.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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

And then the House, at ten 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. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. Ley, Mr. Manning, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Nelson.

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