

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1927.

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. DEPUTY-LEADER OF OPPOSITION.—Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) informed the House that Mr. Scullin had been appointed Deputy-Leader of the Opposition.
3. NAVIGATION ACT—REPEAL OF COASTAL TRADE SECTIONS.—Mr. Seabrook moved, pursuant to notice. That, in the opinion of this House and in the best interests of Australia, the time has arrived for the repeal of all sections of the Navigation Act relating to the coastal trade.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Yates addressing the House—  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day (General Business) were called on, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 7th April next.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY” AND WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 141, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—  
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Question—put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1927-28.

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1927-28, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £5,851,495.  
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.

6. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day :—  
*Dried Fruits Export Charges Bill (1927)—Second reading—*  
was called on, and, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) was discharged.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Immigration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 185.  
F.17940.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to eleven 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. Robert Cook, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini,  
Mr. Makin, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Watt.

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