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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1927.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Erection of Commonwealth Offices, Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.
4. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1927).—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to sections eighteen, eighteen A, twenty-one and twenty-eight A of the *War Service Homes Act* 1918-1926.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hill 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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. JUDICIARY BILL (1927).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judiciary Act* 1903-1926, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
6. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1927-28.—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.)

Schedule—

"Prime Minister's Department, £76,710"—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That the amount be reduced by £1.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 12. | Tellers : | Noes, 33. | Tellers : |
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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Theodore | Mr. Aubrey Abbott | Sir Elliot Johnson |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. West | Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Coleman | | Mr. Bowden | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Lacey | | Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Mann |
| Mr. W. Maloney | | Mr. Corser | Mr. Manning |
| Mr. Mathews | Mr. Fenton | Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Edward Riley | Mr. E. C. Riley | Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Scullin | | Mr. Grosvenor Francis | Mr. Earle Page |
| | | Mr. Gardner | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| | | Sir John Gellibrand | Mr. Perkins |
| | | Mr. Gibson | Mr. Prowse |
| | | Mr. Roland Green | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| | | Mr. Gullett | Mr. Seabrook |
| | | Mr. Hill | |
| | | Sir Neville Howse | |
| | | Mr. Hughes | |
| | | Mr. Hurry | |
| | | Mr. Jackson | |

And so it was negatived.

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"Prime Minister's Department"—agreed to.
 "The Department of the Treasury, £140,570"—debated and agreed to.
 "The Attorney-General's Department, £36,190"—debated and agreed to.
 "The Home and Territories Department, £72,870"—agreed to.
 "The Department of Defence, £1,187,170"—debated and agreed to.
 "The Department of Trade and Customs, £228,510"—agreed to.
 "The Department of Works and Railways, £107,190"—debated and agreed to.
 "The Department of Health, £40,640"—agreed to.
 "The Department of Markets and Migration, £13,900"—debated and agreed to.
 "Miscellaneous Services, £6,900"—agreed to.
 "War Services, £284,780"—agreed to.
 "Commonwealth Railways, £148,810"—agreed to.
 "Postmaster-General's Department, £2,417,925"—debated and agreed to.
 Remainder of Schedule agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 310) the Bill was read a third time.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 1) (1927).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 59.

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 moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.

Melbourne, 2nd March, 1927.

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. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Gibson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES LOAN BILL (1927).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 60.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of Moneys to be loaned to the States, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 8th March, 1927.

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. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of Moneys to be loaned to the States, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Hill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Scullin 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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PEARL-SHELL OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 61.

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 relating to the Export of Pearl-shell and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 17th March, 1927.

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. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Export of Pearl-shell and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—FRESH FRUITS OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 62.

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 relating to the Export of Fresh Fruits and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 17th March, 1927.

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. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Export of Fresh Fruits and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1927).—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-eighth of a penny for each pound be imposed on all dried currants, dried sultanas, or dried lexias exported from the Commonwealth, after a date fixed by Proclamation, under the *Dried Fruits Export Charges Act 1924*, as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, subject to a lower rate being prescribed by regulations made under that Act as so amended in respect of any of the three kinds of dried fruits to which that Act applies.

2. That the charge imposed in pursuance of this resolution shall cease to be imposed upon a date fixed by Proclamation, under the *Dried Fruits Export Charges Act 1924*, as so amended, 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. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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12. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.

13. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1926.
Immigration Act—Return for 1926.
Severally ordered to be printed.

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Forde, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Killen,
Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parsons,
Mr. Pratten, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

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