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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 140.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 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. 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. 82.

A Bill intituled " *Appropriation Act 1927-28,*" 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,
Canberra, 9th December, 1927.

3. STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Jackson asked leave to make a statement with reference to remarks made in the House by the honorable Member for Angas in connexion with the presence of manufacturers' agents in the Lobbies. Objection being raised, leave not granted.

4. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. McGrath raised a question of Privilege, and having concluded by moving, That, in the opinion of this House, the remarks made by the honorable Member for Angas on Friday last in respect to the alleged improper influence used in this House by Australian manufacturers are unwarranted and without justification—

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion submitted did not disclose a question of Privilege.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Narrabeen, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1927—No. 20—Careless Use of Fire.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR SERVICE HOMES AGREEMENT 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. 83.

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 approve an agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria and for other purposes.

Canberra, 8th December, 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Hill 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. Hill, was adopted by the House.

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

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.

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

Mr. Charlton 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. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1927).—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 11, clause 16, line 37, at the end of paragraph (b) insert :—

“ and no amount of loss, incurred prior to the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six or prior to the commencement of any accounting period substituted under sub-section (3.) of section thirty-two of this Act for the financial year commencing on that date, shall be taken into account under sub-section (8.) of section thirteen of this Act in ascertaining the excess of allowable deductions for the year in which the loss was incurred, which would not have been allowable as a deduction in the assessment of income derived (prior to that date or that commencement) in any financial year or accounting period subsequent to the year or period in which the loss was incurred, if the provisions of this section had been so in force and had so applied ”.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report.

8. COMMONWEALTH BANK (SAVINGS BANK) BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 3, clause 8, at the end of proposed new section 35E add the following proviso :—

“ Provided that, until the appointment of the Commission—

- (a) the Savings Bank shall be managed by the Board of the Bank ; and
- (b) for the purposes of this Part, and of the *Commonwealth Housing Act 1927*, the Governor shall have all the powers and functions of the Chief Commissioner, and the Board shall have all the powers and functions of the Commission ; and
- (c) all references in this Part (excepting in sections 35F to 35N inclusive) and in the *Commonwealth Housing Act 1927* to the Chief Commissioner or to the Commission shall be read as references to the Governor or the Board as the case may be.”.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

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On the motion of Mr. Gregory, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

After the word "Commission" (first occurring) insert the words "which shall only be appointed upon a resolution passed by both Houses of the Parliament approving such appointment".

Debate continued.

Amendment of the Senate, as amended, agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report.

9. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment (pages 422 to 432), which includes Items in the proposed Customs Tariff Resolutions of the 11th August, 1926 (page 275), the 23rd March, 1927 (page 331), and the 28th September, 1927 (page 358).

Item numbered 27, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
27. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 27. Glucose - - - - per cwt.	12s.	15s.	15s."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 13th December, 1927 - per cwt.	12s.	12s.	12s."

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Duncan-Hughes Mr. William Watson
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Killen
Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Parsons

Tellers:

Mr. Mann
Mr. Prowse

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Mr. Aubrey Abbott Mr. Lacey
Mr. Blakeley Mr. Latham
Mr. Brennan Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Marr
Mr. Charlton Mr. McGrath
Mr. Coleman Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Robert Cook Mr. Nott
Mr. Corser Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Grosvenor Francis Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gardner Mr. Pratten
Sir John Gellibrand Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gibson Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Albert Green Mr. Scullin
Mr. Roland Green Mr. Theodore
Mr. Gullett Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hill Mr. Yates
Sir Neville Howse
Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hurry
Mr. Jackson

Tellers:

Mr. Fenton
Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item numbered 41—

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.

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

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

And then the House, at half-past 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. Bowden*, Mr. Forde, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley*,
Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parkhill, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.