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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1930.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. FENTON).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Minister for Trade and Customs (Mr. Fenton), on the ground of urgent public business.
Question—put and passed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KILLEN).—Mr. Earle Page moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Riverina (Mr. Killen), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Twelfth Session, held at Geneva, May–June, 1929—
Reports of the Australian Delegates.
Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the Conference.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1930).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 11.

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 amend the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*, and for other purposes.

Government House,

Melbourne, 12th March, 1930.

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. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Blakeley, was adopted by the House.

6. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1930).—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. West 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 a later hour this day.
7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—INCREASE IN EXCISE DUTY ON WINE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the effect of the increase in the Excise Duty on Wine.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 17.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend section three, paragraph (h) of section thirteen, and section twenty-eight of the ‘Land Tax Assessment Act 1910–1928’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 21st March, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

21st March, 1930.

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.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, line 1 of the title, leave out "section three,".

No. 2.—Pages 1 and 2, clause 2, leave out the clause.

No. 3.—Page 4, clause 5, leave out sub-clause (I.).

On the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), the Amendments were agreed to, after debate Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the House adopted the Report.

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1930).—Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of the Collection of certain Duties of Customs.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Forde 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. Forde moved, by leave, 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. Yates reported accordingly.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COTTON INDUSTRIES BOUNTY 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. 12.

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 provide for the Payment of Bounties on the Production of Seed Cotton, Lint and Cotton Yarn, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 13th March, 1930.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL (1930).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

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 provide for the payment of bounty on the Export of Fortified Wine, and for other purposes.

Government House.

Melbourne, 12th March, 1930.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bell, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton*, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rowe, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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