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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1930.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered 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. 14.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Land Tax Assessment Act 1930*," 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 Law.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd March, 1930.

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The arrangements for financing the proposed Commonwealth compulsory wheat pool".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Latham moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Antimony.

Dates.

Gum and Wading Boots.

Paper Cake Containers and Paper Chocolate Containers.

Pasteurizers, Pasteurizing Vats and Jacketed Vats.

Peanut Butter.

Roller-type Hand Mowers, Electrically-driven Lawn Mowers.

Sheep.

Thymol and Menthol.

Women's and Girls' Headwear, &c.

Woven Wire Gauze of from 30 to 120 mesh per lineal inch.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Maternal and Child Welfare in Australia—Report by Dame Janet M. Campbell, D.B.E., M.D., M.S., Senior Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare, Ministry of Health, London.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Bankruptcy Act—

Rules and Amendments.—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 8, 63, 82.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 64.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Blyth, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

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5. 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.
 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the following definition be added to the clause :—
 “ the Minister ’ shall mean the Minister for the time being administering the Act or enactment in which or in respect of which the expression is used ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Josiah Francis moved, as an amendment, That sub-sections (1.), (2.) and (3.) of proposed section 12A be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following sub-sections in place thereof:—

(1.) The Minister may at any time, by writing under his hand, refer to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works any proposal to modify or vary the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the *Gazette* of the nineteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, as modified or varied prior to the date of the commencement of this section, but no such proposal shall be so referred until after the expiration of thirty days after notice of that proposal has been published in the *Gazette*.

(2.) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall consider any proposal referred to it under this section and shall report to the House of Representatives thereon.

(3.) After receipt of the report under the last preceding sub-section the House of Representatives may by resolution approve or disapprove of the proposal.

(3a.) Where a proposal to which this section applies has been approved by the House of Representatives, it shall be published forthwith in the *Gazette* and thereupon the plan of the lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs shall be deemed to be modified or varied in accordance with that proposal.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

On the motion of Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs), the following amendments were made:—

Page 3, omit sub-clause (2.), insert the following sub-clause:—

(2.) Any sums advanced by the Treasurer to the Commission in pursuance of sub-section (4.) of section twenty of the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924-1929* shall be repayable to the Commonwealth Public Account from moneys appropriated as a loan to the Federal Capital Commission.

Page 3, omit sub-clause (3.), insert the following sub-clause:—

(3.) Any moneys appropriated by the *Loan Act (No. 2) 1928* or the *Loan Act 1929* for the purposes of loans to the Federal Capital Commission may be expended in the construction and supply of all buildings, works, and services required or undertaken by the Commonwealth in the Territory.

Page 3, line 40, omit “ 1928 ”, insert “ 1929 ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

On the motion of Mr. Blakeley, the clause was omitted and the following new clause inserted in place thereof:—

13.—(1.) Notwithstanding the repeal of the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924-1929*, the By-laws specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Act shall continue in force as regulations under the Principal Act subject to the amendments respectively specified in the second column of that Schedule.

Continuance of
By-laws under
repealed Act.

(2.) Any By-laws so continued in force may be repealed or amended by regulations made under the Principal Act.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Gregory, the following new clause was added to the Bill:—

9A. The Minister shall as soon as possible after the close of each financial year cause to be prepared and laid before each House of the Parliament a statement of moneys received and expended during that year by the Commonwealth in the administration and development of the Territory.

Statement of
receipts and
expenditure.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed: Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

6. SOLAR OBSERVATORY FUND BILL.—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.

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. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Bell, Mr. Bernard Corsier, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fenton*, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Keane, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lewis, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, and Mr. Rowe.

* On leave.

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