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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 37.

FRIDAY, 9TH MAY, 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 offered Prayers.
2. 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. 19.

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 amendments to be moved by the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs to the Cotton Industries Bounty Bill 1930.

Canberra, 6th May, 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. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs to the Cotton Industries Bounty Bill 1930.

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. Forde, was adopted by the House.

3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 36, 37.
5. COTTON INDUSTRIES BOUNTY BILL.—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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, as an amendment, That the clause be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following clause in place thereof :—

2.—(1.) The *Cotton Bounty Act* 1926 is, subject to this section, repealed.

(2.) The provisions of the *Cotton Bounty Act* 1926 shall remain in force to the extent necessary to authorize payment of bounty on—

(a) seed cotton grown in Australia, delivered to a place appointed under that Act, and graded as prescribed by that Act, prior to the commencement of this Act; and

(b) cotton yarn manufactured in Australia prior to the commencement of this Act and in the manufacture of which not less than fifty per centum of Australian-grown cotton has been used,

and upon which bounty has not been paid prior to such commencement.

(3.) All the provisions of the *Cotton Bounty Act* 1926 shall remain in force in respect of the payment of bounty under the last preceding sub-section, and shall, so far as applicable, extend to, and be deemed to authorize, the payment of bounty upon cotton yarn manufactured in Australia the materials used in the manufacture of which consist, to the extent of at least ninety per centum, of Australian-grown cotton, and, in the remainder, of cotton imported by the manufacturer prior to the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and thirty.

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed: Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. OBJECTIONS TO RULINGS—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker made the following Statement to the House :—

I desire to make further reference to the questions asked me this morning by several honorable Members in regard to the practice of the House.

As I indicated, I am pleased to assist honorable Members wherever possible in the matter of procedure, but I prefer to adhere to the practice of personal consultation.

I may state that I cannot undertake to answer hypothetical questions which may be based on a Ruling of the Deputy Speaker or of a Temporary Chairman who may be relieving me in the Chair.

I refer honorable Members to Standing Order 287, which states that if any objection is taken to the ruling or decision of the Speaker, such objection must be taken at once, and in writing, and Motion made, which, if seconded, shall be proposed to the House, and debate thereon forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

This Standing Order, of course, applies equally to the rulings of the Deputy Speaker.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Fenton*, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.