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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 69.

FRIDAY, 11TH JULY, 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Stewart 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 parlous condition of the Australian Dried Fruits Industry".

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. Stewart moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets and Transport addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 39—

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Honorable Member to continue his speech.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

Mr. Parker Moloney continued and concluded his speech.

Debate continued.

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 Orders of the Day were called on.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable Questions upon Notice to be answered.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Bill (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905-1926*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 11th July, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

[*Forestry Bureau Bill (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Forestry Bureau*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 11th July, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

5. BANKRUPTCY BILL (1930).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(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.

Page 2, after clause 4 add the following new clauses :—

5. Section ninety-one of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (e), after the word "registered" (first occurring), the words "and kept registered".

Bankrupt's property divisible amongst creditors. Bar to proceedings under Part XII.

6. Section one hundred and fifty-eight of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following words "except by resolution passed, at any meeting of creditors duly convened, by a majority in number and value present thereat either in person or by proxy, and assented to by the debtor".

7. After section one hundred and ninety-seven of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted :—

"197A. If the debtor has made a conveyance or assignment of his property under a deed of arrangement to a trustee for the benefit of his creditors generally, and the same has been registered in accordance with the provisions of this Part, the trustee shall, in the event of a bankruptcy petition being presented against the debtor founded on the execution of the deed or on any other act committed by the debtor in the course or for the purpose of the proceedings preliminary to the execution of the deed as an act of bankruptcy, receive from the Registrar a notice of the hearing, and may appear and show cause for the dismissal of the petition, and if it appears to the Court that it will be for the advantage of the creditors that the estate should be administered under the deed the petition may be dismissed."

Power to Court to dismiss bankruptcy petition founded on execution of deed of arrangement.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General), the Amendments were agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

6. PUBLIC SERVICE 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 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4—

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

Page 2, line 35, after "supplied" insert "to any officer or other person acting on behalf of the Commonwealth".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8 agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Beasley (Honorary Minister), the following new clause was added to the Bill, after debate :—

2A. After section thirty-seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

"37A.—(1.) Any officer of the Permanent Naval or Military Forces of the Commonwealth, not more than thirty years of age, who is a graduate of the Royal Australian Naval College or of the Royal Military College, and any cadet of either of those Colleges, may, if his services are in excess of requirements in the Naval or Military Forces, be appointed by the Board, without examination, and, if the Board thinks fit, without probation, to an office in the Third Division of the Commonwealth Service.

Appointment of officers of Permanent Naval or Military Forces and cadets.

"(2.) The Governor-General may at any time by proclamation declare that no further appointments may be made in pursuance of this section, and thereafter no further appointments may be so made."

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed, and that Notices of Motion, Government Business, be considered.

8. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1930).—Mr. Beasley (Honorary Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1924*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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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9. CONSTRUCTION OF STEAMER FOR LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Beasley (Honorary Minister) for Mr. Lyons (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1921*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations, viz. :—Construction of Steamer for the Lighthouse Service.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lacey addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven 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. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Guy, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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