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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 109.

THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1930.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Person Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia—
Central Australia—Report by the Government Resident for year ended 30th June, 1930.
Norfolk Island—Report for year ended 30th June, 1930.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

[*National Debt Sinking Fund Bill* (1930)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 89.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1929'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 10th December, 1930.

[*Sales Tax Bill* (No. 1A) (1930)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 90.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the title and section three of the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 10th December, 1930.

4. MESSAGE FROM LORD SOMERS, ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—GOLD BOUNTY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency Lord Somers, Administering the Government of the Commonwealth, was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

SOMERS,

Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Message No. 55.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the person administering the Government of the Commonwealth 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 a Bounty on the Production of Gold, and for other purposes.

Canberra,
9th December, 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 (Honorary Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Gold, 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. Forde, by leave, was adopted by the House.

11th December, 1930.

5. MESSAGE FROM LORD SOMERS, ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—PORT AUGUSTA TO RED HILL RAILWAY BILL (1930).—The following Message from His Excellency Lord Somers, Administering the Government of the Commonwealth, was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

SOMERS,

*Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.**Message No. 56.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the person administering the Government of the Commonwealth 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 provide for the Extension of the Trans-Australian Railway by the Construction of a Railway from Port Augusta to Red Hill in the State of South Australia.

Canberra,

9th December, 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 Markets and for Transport) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Extension of the Trans-Australian Railway by the Construction of a Railway from Port Augusta to Red Hill in the State of South Australia.

Debate ensued.

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, by leave, was adopted by the House.

6. GOLD BOUNTY 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—

On the motion of Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 2, after " State " insert " or Territory ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated—

Mr. Bayley moved, as an amendment, That the word " ten " (page 2, line 22) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word " five " in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Chifley, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Culley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Martens
Mr. Curtin	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cusack	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Forde	Mr. Price
Mr. Frost	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Tully
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates

Mr. Bell	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mackay	
Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Hunter

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

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On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, at the end of the clause, insert the following sub-clause :—

“(4.) The average number of ounces of fine gold produced annually during the years specified in the last preceding sub-section shall, for the purposes of this section, be determined by the Minister from information furnished by the Commonwealth Statistician and shall be notified in the *Gazette*.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following amendment was made :

Page 3, line 4, omit “delivered”, insert “sold”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following amendments were made :—

Page 3, line 36, omit “delivered”, insert “sold”.

Page 3, line 40, omit “delivered”, insert “sold”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, line 3, omit “delivers”, insert “sells”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following amendments were made :—

Page 4, line 24, omit “delivered”, insert “sold”.

Page 4, line 24, omit “delivery”, insert “sale”.

Page 4, line 25, omit “delivery”, insert “sale”.

Page 4, line 27, omit “delivered”, insert “sold”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 19 agreed to.

The Schedule—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following amendments were made :—

Omit “all gold bearing ore in ^{my} mine the value of which when worked independently and”,

insert “low-grade gold bearing in ^{my} mine the value of which when worked independently of other ores”.

At the end of the Schedule, insert the following footnote :—

“*Note*.—Paragraphs (a) and (b) to be omitted in the case of producers of alluvial gold.”

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Mr. Forde moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 3.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

On recommitment—

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following further amendments were made :—

Page 2, line 8, omit “delivered”, insert “sold”.

Page 2, line 9, omit “delivered”, insert “sold”.

Page 2, line 10, omit “delivered”, insert “sold”.

Clause, as further amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

7. PORT AUGUSTA TO RED HILL RAILWAY 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. Gullett 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.

11th December, 1930.

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

[*Representation Bill (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 91.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Appointment of an Enumeration Day for the purposes of the Representation Act 1905,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 1A) (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 92.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend sections three and seventeen, sub-section one of section eighteen and paragraph (d) of section twenty of the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930,’*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 2A) 1930*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 93.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section three of the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1930,’*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 3B) (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 94.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend sections three and six of the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 3) 1930,’*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 4A) (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 95.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section three of the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 4) 1930,’*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 5A) (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 96.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section three of the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1930,’*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 6A) (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section three of the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 6) 1930,’*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 7A) (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section three of the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 7) 1930,’*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

11th December, 1930.

[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 8A) (1930)*—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 99.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section three of the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 8) 1930'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.[*Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 9A) (1930)*—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 100.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section three of the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1930'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 11th December, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brennan*, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. James*, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Parker Moloney*, Mr. Scullin*, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

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