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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1913.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1913-14.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
DENMAN,
Governor-General. *Message No. 7.*
A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fourteen,*" 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 Act.
Government House,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1913.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1913).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
DENMAN,
Governor-General. *Message No. 8.*
In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 a Bounty to Growers of Sugar Cane and Beet.
Government House,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1913.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Kelly presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Canteens at Military Training Camps—Reports by State Military Commandants.
Electoral Act—Memorandum by Chief Electoral Officer as to excess of names on Electoral Rolls.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. ELECTORAL BILL (1913).—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. Bennett 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 to-morrow.

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6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—EXCISE TARIFF [SUGAR].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate—

1. That the following Duty of Excise, viz. :—Per cwt. of manufactured sugar, Four shillings, shall as from and including the twenty-sixth day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, be imposed on—
 - (a) all sugar produced from cane delivered for manufacture after the first day of May and before the twenty-sixth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and
 - (b) all other sugar produced in Australia which was subject to the control of the Customs on the twenty-fifth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen,
 on which Duty of Excise has not been paid under the *Excise Tariff* 1905, as amended by the *Excise Tariff (Amendment)* 1906, and by the *Excise (Sugar) Act* 1910.
2. That the Comptroller-General shall, as soon as practicable after the passing of the Act imposing the Duty of Excise referred to in these Resolutions, certify in writing, by notice published in the *Gazette*, the amounts of cane sugar and beet sugar respectively on which duty is payable under these Resolutions.
3. That all cane sugar manufactured in Australia which is entered for home consumption after the commencement of the Act imposing the Duty of Excise referred to in these Resolutions, until cane sugar to the amount mentioned in the certificate of the Comptroller-General, referred to in Resolution No. 2 of these Resolutions, has been so entered, shall be deemed to be sugar subject to Duty of Excise under these Resolutions; and all beet sugar manufactured in Australia which is entered for home consumption after the commencement of the Act imposing the Duty of Excise referred to in these Resolutions until beet sugar to the amount mentioned in the certificate of the Comptroller-General referred to in Resolution No. 2 of these Resolutions has been so entered, shall be deemed to be sugar subject to Duty of Excise under these Resolutions.
4. That when cane sugar to the amount mentioned in the certificate of the Comptroller-General, referred to in Resolution No. 2 of these Resolutions, has been entered for home consumption, cane sugar shall thereafter not be subject to Duty of Excise under these Resolutions.
5. That when beet sugar to the amount mentioned in the certificate of the Comptroller-General, referred to in Resolution No. 2 of these Resolutions, has been entered for home consumption, beet sugar shall thereafter not be subject to Duty of Excise under these Resolutions.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered—That the Resolution reported from the Committee be considered at once.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and, on the motion of Mr. Groom, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Groom and Mr. W. H. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. EXCISE TARIFF [SUGAR] BILL (1913).—Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to impose a Duty of Excise upon certain Sugar*,” 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 to-morrow.

8. SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1913).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General’s Message No. 8—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for a Bounty to Growers of Sugar Cane and Beet.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Mr. Groom, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Groom and Mr. W. H. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Groom 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 to-morrow.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

10. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising to-morrow, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. on Thursday, and at such sitting the precedence to General Business shall be until one o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past ten 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. Carr, Mr. Catts, and Mr. Jensen.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.