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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Tudor 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 issue of the Regulations under the War Precautions Act."
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. Tudor 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.
3. **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL.**—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

JOHN MADDEN,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

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 the Payment of a Bounty on the production of Crude Shale Oil.

Melbourne, 13th September, 1917.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOD PULP AND ROCK PHOSPHATE BOUNTIES BILL (1917).**—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

JOHN MADDEN,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

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 amend the *Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Act 1912*.

Melbourne, 13th September, 1917.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Railway Industrial Dispute in Northern Queensland—Telegrams between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, the Premier of Queensland, and other persons.

The War—

Prisoners' Camps in Germany—Correspondence respecting the Use of Police Dogs.—(Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Bounties Act—Return of Particulars for 1916–17 of Persons to whom Bounty Paid, Amount Paid, Goods, &c.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 192, 220, 221.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Blackboy Hill, near Midland Junction, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

6. SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Jensen moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the production of Crude Shale Oil.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Jensen 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.

7. WOOD PULP AND ROCK PHOSPHATE BOUNTIES BILL (1917).—Mr. Jensen moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Act* 1912.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Jensen 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.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 43.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Story
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. West
Sir William Irvine	
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Greene
Mr. Manifold	Mr. John Thomson

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Chapman	
Mr. Considine	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Chapman moved, That all the words after the word "Works" (line 8) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "shall not be appointed during the currency of the Seventh Parliament".

Amendment ruled out of order.

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Mr. Chapman moved, That all the words after the word "Works" (line 8) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"shall not be appointed until after both Houses of the Parliament have by resolution decided that an inquiry shall be instituted in regard to some proposed public work".

Debate ensued.

Amendment ruled out of order.

Debate on clause ensued.

Amendment, previously notified by Mr. Chapman, proposed, That all the words after the word "Works" (line 8) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Chapman
Mr. Considine
Mr. W. Maloney

Tellers:

Mr. Anstey
Mr. Page

Noes, 47.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Palmer
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Corser	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Story
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. John Thomson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. West
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Yates
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Mackay	
Mr. Manifold	
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Maxwell	

Tellers:

Mr. Greene
Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Anstey moved, That the words "at the end of the Session" be inserted after the word "appointed" (line 11).

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the Bill was read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR LOAN BILL (1917).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Eighty million pounds for War purposes*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 13th September, 1917.

11. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.

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Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the Bill was read a third time.

12. LOAN BILL (1917).—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.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule—

UNDER CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS.

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Gregory, viz. :—That Item "General Arsenal—Works and Buildings, including erection of residential quarters—towards cost, £100,000" be reduced by £1,000.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on Department continued—

Mr. Story moved, That Item "Railway—Completion of Construction Line and New Bridge on Queanbeyan Line and Additional Waterway on Queanbeyan to Canberra Line, £8,300," be reduced by £7,000.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Department agreed to.

UNDER CONTROL OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the words "and also for country telephones" be added to the Item "For the construction of Conduits and for laying wires underground".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Department agreed to.

UNDER CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (MILITARY).

Department agreed to.

UNDER CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

Department agreed to.

UNDER CONTROL OF HOME AND TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. H. Catts moved, That all the words after the word "Laboratory" in the Item "Land for Laboratory at Royal Park, Melbourne" be omitted.

Amendment negatived.

Department agreed to.

UNDER CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

Department agreed to.

UNDER CONTROL OF PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Department agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the Bill was read a third time.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott^a, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Lynch, Mr. McDonald^a, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. McWilliams, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, Mr. Salmon^a, and Mr. Sampson.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.