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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock.
Question—put and passed.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Charlton 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 proposals of the New South Wales Government for working the coal mines and their detrimental effect on the successful prosecution of the war." 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. Charlton 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.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—AUDIT BILL (1917).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act 1901-1912*.

Melbourne, 12th September, 1917.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1914-1916' and the 'War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1915-1916'", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th September, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered, That Notice of Motion, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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7. SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 26 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—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. Jensen—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 Crude Shale Oil.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Jensen, was adopted by the House.

8. WOOD PULP AND ROCK PHOSPHATE BOUNTIES BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 27 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—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. Jensen—That it is expedient 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*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Jensen, was adopted by the House.

9. SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Jensen 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.*)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly

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

Mr. Jensen 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. Jensen, the Bill was read a third time.

10. WOOD PULP AND ROCK PHOSPHATE BOUNTIES BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Jensen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.*)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Jensen 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. Jensen, the Bill was read a third time.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6.

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12. NATURALIZATION BILL (1917).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further 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.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded further to consider the Amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

“(4.) Any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, inspect any certificate produced in pursuance of the last preceding sub-section.”

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 6, at the end of clause add “Provided that, until a day to be fixed by proclamation, this section shall not apply to persons who are enemy subjects at the date of the commencement of this section.”

No. 3.—Page 4, clause 7, leave out sub-clause (3.).

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Senate's Amendments be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past 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—Lieut.-Col. Abbott^a, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDonald^a, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. McWilliams, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, Mr. Salmon^a, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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