

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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 DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

[*Butter Agreement Bill*].—

W. H. IRVINE,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 24.

A Bill intituled "*Butter Agreement Act 1920*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 3rd September, 1920.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1920).—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes of an amendment providing for the salary of the Arbitrator in a Bill for an Act relating to the settlement of matters arising out of employment in the Public Service.

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Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
North-Western Australia—Maps (two) in connexion with the following Paper laid on the Table on the 31st August last :—"North-Western Australia—Report by Mr. George A. Hobler, Engineer of Way and Works, Commonwealth Railways, of tour of inspection of."

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed with the Report.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, Nos. 142, 143.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at—
Abermain, New South Wales.
Goulburn, New South Wales.
Tempe, New South Wales.
Weston, New South Wales.

7th September, 1920.

5. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1920).—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. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word "now":—
"withdrawn for the purpose of affording an opportunity to the members of the Public Service of indicating whether they desire to be removed from the jurisdiction and protection of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration as proposed by the Bill".

Debate continued.

Mr. R. W. Foster 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.

6. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General's Message No. 25—

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, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund be made for the purposes of an amendment providing for the salary of the Arbitrator in a Bill for an Act relating to the settlement of matters arising out of employment in the Public Service.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven 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. Anstey, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Hay, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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