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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1922.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1922—No. 25—Explosives.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1922—No. 10—Supreme Court (No. 2).
3. DEFENCE RETIREMENT BILL.—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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
 Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 4 agreed to.
 Clause 5 debated—
 Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "Forces" (line 35) up to and inclusive of the word "nature)," (line 38) be omitted.
 Debate ensued.
 Amendment ruled out of order on the ground that its effect would be to increase the amount of the appropriation required.
 Debate on clause continued.
 Clause postponed.
 Clauses 6 and 7 postponed.
 Clause 8 agreed to.
 Clause 9 debated—
 Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.
 The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Lister
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Poynton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Greene	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Groom	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Hay	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr

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Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Foley	
Mr. Gabb	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Anstey
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Mahony

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Clause 10 agreed to.
 Clause 11 debated—
 Mr. Greene moved, as an amendment, That the words "of a permanent nature" (lines 4 and 5) be omitted.
 Debate ensued.
 Amendment agreed to.
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Clause 12 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 13, 14, and 15 agreed to.
 Clause 16 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 17 agreed to.
 Postponed clauses—
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
 Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. 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:—

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

Message No. 9.

A Bill intituled the "*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1922*," 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.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1921'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 23rd August, 1922.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 the next sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE (CIVIL EMPLOYMENT) BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Defence (Civil Employment) Act 1918'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 23rd August, 1922.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 the next sitting.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TREATIES OF WASHINGTON BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to enable effect to be given to two Treaties signed at Washington on behalf of His Majesty and certain other Powers*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 23rd August, 1922.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to ratify an Agreement for the variation of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance of territory for the purposes of the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd August, 1922.

Sir Granville Ryrie moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 the next sitting.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATUTORY DECLARATIONS BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Statutory Declarations Act 1911'*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd August, 1922.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to eleven 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. Bamford, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gregory*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Story.

* On leave.

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