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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1922.

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 BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

A Bill intituled the "*Treaties of Washington Act 1922*," 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.

Brisbane, 30th August, 1922.

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

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

A Bill intituled the "*Statutory Declarations Act 1922*," 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.

Brisbane, 30th August, 1922.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. LAVELLE).—Mr. Charlton moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Calare (Mr. Lavelle), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 111, 112, 113.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 110, 114.

Papua Act—Infirm and Destitute Natives' Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees, 1921-22.

Public Service Act—

Promotion of E. J. Bryant, Postmaster-General's Department.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 109.

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6. MEAT EXPORT BOUNTIES 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.

Mr. Jowett addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech for a few minutes.

Debate continued.

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, 2, and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated.

Mr. Jowett moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (a):—

“(aa) the export from the Commonwealth, on or before the thirty-first day of May, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, of standard beef exported in fulfilment of any contract which has already been made providing for the shipment of beef monthly or at shorter intervals:”

Amendment ruled out of order on the ground that its effect would be to increase the amount of the appropriation required.

Clause further debated, and agreed to.

Clauses 5, 6, and 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 12 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Rodgers, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was, after debate, read a third time.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “An Act to amend section fourteen of the ‘New Guinea Act 1920’,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 6th September, 1922.

Mr. Greene 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.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “An Act to amend the ‘Trade Marks Act 1905–1919’,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 6th September, 1922.

Mr. Greene 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.—JURY EXEMPTION BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “An Act to amend the ‘Jury Exemption Act 1905’,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President

The Senate,
Melbourne, 6th September, 1922.

Mr. Greene 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.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Service and Execution of Process Act 1901-1918'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 6th September, 1922.

Mr. Greene 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DEFENCE RETIREMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

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 amendments to the Defence Retirement Bill, to be moved by the Minister for Defence, in relation to the amount of compensation payable under that Bill.

Melbourne, 6th September, 1922.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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. Greene, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund be made for the purposes of amendments to the Defence Retirement Bill, to be moved by the Minister for Defence, in relation to the amount of compensation payable under that Bill.

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. Greene, was adopted by the House.

12. DEFENCE RETIREMENT BILL.—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.)

Postponed clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Greene, after debate, the following amendment was made :—

Lines 35-38, omit "(not being a person whose duties, in the opinion of the Naval Board of Administration, the Military Board of Administration, or the Air Board, as the case may be, have been mainly of a purely clerical nature)"; insert "or of any employee holding on or before the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, a classified office in the Defence Department, who has not attained the age of sixty-five years."

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine 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. Bowden, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Riley, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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