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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1923.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION—UNEMPLOYMENT.—Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement in regard to the question of Unemployment and the use of certain moneys to provide work.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

[*Australian War Museum Trust Fund Bill*]—

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

Message No. 1.

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 that an appropriation of revenue or moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to establish and provide for the Administration of the Australian War Museum Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 20th June, 1923.

[*National Debt Sinking Fund Bill*]—

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

Message No. 2.

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 that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the redemption of the National Debt, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 20th June, 1923.

[*Papua Bill (1923)*]—

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

Message No. 3.

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 that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Papua Act 1905-1920*.

Melbourne, 20th June, 1923.

[*Meat Export Bounties Bill (1923)*]—

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

Message No. 4.

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 that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Bounties on the Export of Beef and Cattle from the Commonwealth.

Melbourne, 20th June, 1923.

Ordered—That the consideration of each of the foregoing Messages, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1923, No. 75.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1923—No. 8—Mineral Oil and Coal.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—NO-CONFIDENCE AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—

“but this House is of the opinion that a Special Committee should be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the operations of the Oil Agreement between the Commonwealth Government and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, also the operations of the Commonwealth Oil Refinery Company; further to inquire into the Agreement between the Commonwealth Government and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company with regard to oil exploration in Papua.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Yates

Noes, 38.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Killen
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Corser	Mr. Mann
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Manning
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued on original Question—

6. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. James Wignall, a Member of the House of Commons, was within the precincts. Mr. Wignall thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The debate (interrupted as above) on this Question was resumed.

Mr. Makin addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MAIN ROADS DEVELOPMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

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

Message No. 5.

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 that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Main Roads Development.

Melbourne, 21st June, 1923.

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

9. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m.; adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Thompson.

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