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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

 MONDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF SENATOR BAKHAP.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 18th instant, of Senator Bakhap, moved, by leave, That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of Senator Thomas Jerome Kingston Bakhap, and places upon record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and extends its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their sad bereavement.
And Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) having spoken in support of the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. Bakhap the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the addresses delivered thereon.
3. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the late honorable Senator the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. 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. 22.*

A Bill intituled "*Customs Act 1923*," 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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 17th August, 1923.

6. AGREEMENTS VALIDATION BILL.—Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of certain Agreements and Documents made and executed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Groom then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it 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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7. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1923).—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—

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and instructions issued to collect the taxation due on Crown leaseholds".

The amendment was ruled out of order on the ground that it was, in substance, the same question as one which had already been decided this Session.

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted from, and that the words "this day six months" be added to, the motion.

Debate continued.

Mr. Corser 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 the next sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INCOME TAX COLLECTION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 23.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Collection of Income Tax and for other purposes.

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

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

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 twenty minutes past 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. Bamford*, Mr. Donald Cameron*, Sir Neville Howse*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald, and Mr. McNeill.

* On leave.

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