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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 50.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 1ST APRIL, 1924.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—  
Gladstone, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.  
Urangan, Queensland—For Customs and Postal purposes.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinance of 1924—No. 3—Stock.
3. IMPERIAL AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCES, 1923—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS AND APPROVING RESOLUTIONS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) :—
- (1) That the Summary of Proceedings of the Imperial Conference 1923, and the Resolutions of the Imperial Economic Conference 1923 [*Papers presented on the 27th ultimo*], be printed.
  - (2) That this House approves of the conclusions of the Imperial Conference, as set out in the Summary of Proceedings, relating to—
    - (a) Foreign Relations ;
    - (b) Negotiation, Signature and Ratification of Treaties ;
    - (c) Defence.
  - (3) That this House approves of the Resolutions of the Imperial Economic Conference relating to—
    - (a) Imperial Preference ;
    - (b) Imperial Economic Committee—

and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton (*Leader of the Opposition*), viz. :—That all the words after the first word "That" in paragraph (2) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"this House approves of the foreign policy of His Majesty's Government in Great Britain, as indorsed by a majority of the representatives of the British people in the House of Commons, aiming as such policy does to bring about goodwill between nations and advance the peace of the world"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Bamford	Sir Neville Howse
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Manning
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thomas Paterson

Noes, 19.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Edward Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That paragraphs (2) and (3) of the motion be submitted to the House separately.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bamford	Sir Neville Howse
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Manning
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Fenton	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Thomas Paterson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the original motion be agreed to—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Bamford	Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann	Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Manning	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thomas Paterson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 47 of 1923—Postal Sorters' Union of Australia—Further reasons for judgment.

No. 3 of 1924—Professional Officers' Association.

No. 4 of 1924—Meat Inspectors' Association.

No. 5 of 1924—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.

No. 6 of 1924—Postal Sorters' Union of Australia.

Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1923, Nos. 155, 169.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CANNED FRUIT BOUNTY 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. 31.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 to provide for the Payment of Bounties on the Production and Export of Canned Fruit.

Government House,

Melbourne, 29th March, 1924.

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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs)—That it is expedient 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 Production and Export of Canned Fruit.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Austin Chapman and Sir Littleton Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Austin Chapman 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.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, No. 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, Government Business.
7. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1924).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922*.  
Question—put and passed.
8. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1924).—Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make further provision for the Government of the Territory for the Seat of Government.  
Question—put and passed.
9. PATENTS BILL (1924).—Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents Act 1903-1921*.  
Question—put and passed.
10. QUARANTINE BILL (1924).—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Quarantine Act 1908-1920*.  
Question—put and passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-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. Atkinson, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Makin, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Whitsitt, and Mr. Yates.

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