

1923-24.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 48.*

Bills intituled—

"*Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924*"
 "*Hop Pool Agreement Act 1924*"

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 Acts.

Sydney, 23rd July, 1924.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1924) [£10,000,000].—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 49.*

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Sydney, 5th July, 1924.

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

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

League of Nations—Second General Conference on Communications and Transit, Geneva, 15th November to 9th December, 1923—Records and Texts relating to—

General Discussions.

Convention and Statute on the International Regime of Railways.

Convention and Statute on Maritime Ports.

Convention relating to the Transmission in Transit of Electric Power; Convention relating to the Development of Hydraulic Power affecting more than one State.

30th July, 1924.

League of Nations—General Conference on Freedom of Communications and Transit, Barcelona, 10th March to 20th April, 1921—Official Instruments approved by the Conference.

International Convention relating to the Simplification of Customs Formalities and Protocol of Signature, Geneva, 3rd November, 1923. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 98.

5. DEFENCE EQUIPMENT 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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Mahony, viz.:—That after the word "That" the following words be inserted:—"any sum spent in naval construction should be expended in Australia, thus relieving the distress caused by unemployment, and helping to develop Australian industries"—

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Albert Green

Noes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	
Mr. Gardner	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bamford	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Gardner	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 14.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Mathews	Mr. O'Keefe

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 to 5 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Bowden moved, That the Report be adopted.

Question—put.

30th July, 1924.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bamford	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Gardner	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 14.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lambert	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Lazzarini

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bowden moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bamford	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
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Mr. Albert Green	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. CATTLE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 47—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, 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 a Bounty on the Export of Live Cattle.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Pratten moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pratten, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pratten and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Pratten 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.

Mr. Pratten moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Anstey 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.

7. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

30th July 1924.

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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Nos. 4 to 8, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 9, Government Business.

9. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Parker Moloney 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.

10. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Statement setting out particulars relating to approval given for the use of imported materials in the manufacture of products upon which bounty may be paid.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to 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. Bayley, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Latham*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McNeill, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Seabrook*, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. William Watson.

* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.