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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 116.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met, at half-past two 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—
    - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
      - No. 48 of 1924—Postal Sorters' Union of Australia.
      - No. 49 of 1924—Telephone Officers' Association.
      - No. 51 of 1924—Legal Professional Officers Association.
      - No. 52 of 1924—Professional Officers' Association.
  3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, TOOWONG.—
 

Mr. Atkinson (for Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act* 1913-1921, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for its investigation and report thereon, viz.:—Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Toowong, Queensland.

Mr. Atkinson having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—

Question—put and passed.
  4. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—AUDIT BILL (1924).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—
 

STRADBROKE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.*

*Message No. 71.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 *Audit Act* 1901-1920.

Melbourne, 17th September, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
  5. GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Mr. Edward Riley 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.

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6. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 17th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1923'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Scullin 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. INCOME TAX COLLECTION BILL (1924).—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. 64—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Collection Act 1923*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page 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.

8. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL 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—

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "be" be omitted with a view to inserting the following:—

"referred back to the Government with a view to inserting the following provisions; and reintroduced within a week:—

- (a) For the purpose of ensuring to the dairy producers in Australia a reasonable return for their produce there shall be appointed a Dairy Produce Tribunal to be comprised of three members, one representative of the producers to be nominated by the Federal Board; one representative of the consumers to be appointed by the Governor in Council, and a President to be mutually agreed upon by producers and consumers respectively failing which agreement the Governor-General in Council shall appoint the President;
- (b) The said Tribunal shall have full power to inquire into the whole dairying industry, the cause of depression, the export trade, the local market, recommend a solution of the difficulties, fix the basic price of dairy produce for Interstate trade based on the cost of production;
- (c) The proceedings of the said Tribunal shall be open to the public."

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order, as it did not strictly relate to the Bill which the House, by its order, had resolved upon considering.

Debate continued.

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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—QUARANTINE BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 83.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Quarantine Act 1908-1920'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 18th September, 1924.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 6, Government Business.
11. BANKRUPTCY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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. Bayley\*, Mr. Blakeley\*, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton\*, Mr. Gibson\*, Sir Littleton Groom\*, Mr. Hill\*, Mr. Killen\*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. W. Maloney\*, Mr. Marks\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald\*, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Prowse\*, Sir Granville Ryrie\*, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Yates\*.

\* On leave.

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