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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Anstey rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The regrettable delay of the Government in sending relief to the white women in the hands of the blacks in the Northern Territory."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Anstey moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 39—

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the honorable Member to continue his speech.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

Mr. Bruce continued and concluded his speech.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Mahony moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House proceeded to divide, but there being no Member voting on the side of the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared the question to be resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That the House do now adjourn—

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton

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

And so it was negatived.

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3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 84.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to afford Protection to the Boy Scouts' Association*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

Melbourne, 19th September, 1924.

4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Australian Dairy Produce on British Markets—Report, dated 9th July, 1924, by the Commonwealth Dairy Expert (Mr. M. A. O'Callaghan):

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 50 of 1924—Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1924—

No. 18—Darwin Pound.

No. 19—Fisheries.

6. SECRETARIAT BUILDING—CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which has been investigated by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has reported the result of its investigations, viz.:—The erection of a building at Canberra for Departmental Secretariats, including provision for an Automatic Telephone Exchange and Post Office.

Question—put and passed.

7. MEAT INDUSTRY ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to encourage and improve the Meat Industry of Australia.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Bruce 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.

8. AUDIT BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 71 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act 1901-1920*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Bruce 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.

9. 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Fenton, 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.

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

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
Gladstone, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Kimba, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Penshurst, New South Wales.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.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. Lazzarini, Mr. W. Maloney*, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Prowse*, Sir Granville Ryrie*, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Yates*.

* On leave.

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