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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1925.

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. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORTS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Reports from the Committee—
 - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Brisbane Central, Queensland.
 - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Toowong, Queensland.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Postmaster-General's Department—Fourteenth Annual Report, 1923-24.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 1) (1925).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.

Melbourne, 9th June, 1925.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL (1925).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

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 amend the *National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1924.*

Melbourne, 10th June, 1925.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—EXPORT GUARANTEE BILL (1925).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 3.*

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 amend Section Five of the *Export Guarantee Act 1924*.

Melbourne, 9th June, 1925.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1925-26.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 4.*

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 a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

Melbourne, 9th June, 1925.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply, when appointed.

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL (1925).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 5.*

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 amend section fourteen of the *Commonwealth Railways Act 1917*.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1925.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—POWER ALCOHOL 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. 6.*

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 Bounty on the Manufacture of Power Alcohol.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1925.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

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

British Phosphate Commission—Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1924. (4th year).

Treaty Series No. 36 (1924)—Agreements—

- (1.) The Allied Governments and the German Government concerning the Agreement of 9th August, 1924, between the German Government and the Reparation Commission.
- (2.) The Allied Governments and the German Government to carry out the Experts' Plan of 9th April, 1924.
- (3.) The Inter-Allied Agreement to carry out the Experts' Plan of 9th April, 1924; and
- (4.) The Agreement between the Governments represented on the Reparation Commission to modify Annex II. to Part VIII. of the Treaty of Versailles—

signed at London, 30th August, 1924. (Paper presented to British Parliament).

League of Nations—Report of the Commonwealth Representative at the Second Opium Conference convened by the League of Nations, and of the Draft Convention and Protocol relating to Dangerous Drugs, signed at Geneva on 19th February, 1925.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two 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. Roland Green, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Marks, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Frederick McDonald.

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