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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 12.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 3RD JULY, 1925.

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. PETITION.—Sir Austin Chapman presented a Petition from certain residents of Michelago and surrounding towns and districts, stating that large quantities of marble and also deposits suitable for the manufacture of carbide of calcium and cement are situated near Michelago, and praying that the Government proceed with the development of the said marble and other deposits, with a view to their being turned into a national asset.  
Petition received and read.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Charlton 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 statement made by the Prime Minister in regard to the Australian cruiser *Brisbane* in Chinese waters."  
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. Charlton 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. X  
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.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.
4. 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. 7.*

Bills intituled :—

" *Supply Act (No. 1) 1925-26* "" *Loan Act (No. 1) 1925* ",

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, 29th June, 1925.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 8.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1924*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXPORT GUARANTEE BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 9.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend Section Five of the 'Export Guarantee Act 1924'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 3rd July, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FINANCE.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Expenditure out of Revenue, and the Revenue of the Commonwealth, during the financial year 1924-25.
8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 104.
9. IMMIGRATION BILL (1925).—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. Charlton, viz.:—That after the word "now" the following words be inserted:—"withdrawn and re-drafted to provide more adequate provisions regarding alien immigration, and for the reconsideration of the drastic proposals to deport Australian citizens"—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Cunningham 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Bowden, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Corser, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Lambert, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Thompson.

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