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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 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. **PETITION.**—Mr. Bamford presented a Petition from James Frederick Watson, stating that an Agreement was signed by the ex-Prime Minister by which he, the Petitioner, was engaged for the performance of certain work on the historical records of Australia, and further stating that he believes and is advised that he has sustained serious loss under the said Agreement, and praying that the House will confirm the said Agreement so that the Petitioner may contest his claim in a Court of Law.
Petition received and read.
3. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—
FORSTER,
Governor-General. *Message No. 11.*
A Bill intituled "*Immigration Act 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 Act.
Sydney, 20th July, 1925.
4. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RESERVATION OF BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—
FORSTER,
Governor-General. *Message No. 12.*
A Bill intituled "*Navigation Act 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 reserved the said Bill for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure.
Sydney, 20th July, 1925.
5. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
European Security Pact—Documents relating to the proposed Pact.
League of Nations—Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes—Correspondence with His Majesty's Government.
Navigation Act—Second Report of the Royal Commission (New Guinea and Papua).
Papua—Annual Report for the year 1923-24.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
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Meteorological Service—Report by the Commonwealth Meteorologist for the year 1923–24.
 Oil—The possibility of discovery in Queensland—Report by Arthur Wade, D.Sc. (Lond.), &c.
 Papuan Oilfields—Report for June, 1925, of the Commonwealth Representative.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 119, 122.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Cranbrook, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 120.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1925—

No. 16—Seamen's Compensation.

No. 17—Customs Tariff.

No. 18—Aliens Registration.

No. 19—Mining.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances of 1925—

No. 3—Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments (No. 2).

No. 4—Brands.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1925—

No. 13—Registration of Births and Deaths.

No. 14—Aboriginals.

No. 15—Crown Lands (No. 2).

Papua Act—Ordinances of 1925—

No. 4—Trust Fund Advances.

No. 5—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 3) 1924–1925; together with Supplementary Estimates (No. 3) 1924–1925.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 90, 99, 102, 121, 125, 126, 127.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department of Works and Railways—

E. M. Dixon, C. F. Smith, T. Thallon, T. A. Laird, O. E. Dye, G. Whettters, H. P. Jack, A. Hunter, A. Fraser, J. A. Barrett, R. Groves, J. L. Adams, J. Torrance, G. P. Doddrell, H. W. Locke, S. W. Cook, C. F. Cook, H. Hollins, L. Thornton, E. Knox.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 131.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Concord, New South Wales.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 123.

6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR PORTION OF SITTING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Sessional Orders governing the order of Business be suspended, and that Government Business be given precedence over General Business for this sitting until after the delivery of the Budget Statement, and that General Business be proceeded with this evening for a time equivalent to that occupied by the delivery of the Budget Statement.
 Question—put and passed.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1925–26.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 6th August, 1925.

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 6th August, 1925.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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8. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee).

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) having delivered the Budget Speech, moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

Question—proposed.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. PAPER.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1925–26—Papers presented by the Honorable Earle Page, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1925–26.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

10. QUARANTINE STATION, MANLY—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Sir Granville Ryrie moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the question of the removal of the Quarantine Station from the vicinity of Manly, New South Wales; such Committee to consist of five Members, viz.:—Mr. Coleman, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Manning, Mr. Edward Riley and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that such Committee do report two months from this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 18.

Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Killen	
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton

Noes, 38.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. West
Mr. Hill	Mr. Whitsitt
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Lambert	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 27th instant.

12. NORFOLK ISLAND AND COMMONWEALTH CONTROL—ROYAL COMMISSION.—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed without undue delay to visit Norfolk Island and inquire into the position of the Island and its inhabitants in relation to Commonwealth control.

Mr. Thompson 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 Thursday, 20th instant.

The time allotted for precedence to Notices of Motion, General Business, having terminated, Orders of the Day, General Business, were called on.

13. TITLES, GRANTING OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McGrath:—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the granting of Titles is contrary to the sentiment of the citizens of Australia.

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(2) That the above resolution be conveyed to His Gracious Majesty King George through His Excellency the Governor-General—

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Forde	Mr. Thompson	Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West	Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Yates	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lacey		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Lambert	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Gardner	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Edward Riley	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Whitsitt
		Sir Neville Howse	
		Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Killen	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 27th instant; that Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until Thursday, 3rd September next; and that Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until Thursday, 20th instant.

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

16. **POWER ALCOHOL BOUNTY 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.

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

Mr. Mann moved—

(1) That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

(2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Forde, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Seabrook, and the Mover, five to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers and records, to adjourn from place to place; and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken; and that such Committee do report this day six weeks.

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.

17. **RAILWAYS BILL (1925).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. R. W. Foster 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past ten 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. Donald Cameron, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. McNeill, and Mr. O'Keefe.

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