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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1925.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.**—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 11th June last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen—

It gives me much pleasure to receive the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech which I delivered on the occasion of the Opening of the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament of the Commonwealth; and I desire to thank you for your expression of loyalty to His Majesty the King.

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. 18.

A Bill intituled "*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1925-26*", 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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1925.

4. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.**—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed erection of a Hotel (No. 4) at Canberra.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.**—Mr. Corser, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Nauru—Report on the Administration during the year 1924—Prepared for submission to the League of Nations.

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

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Federal Capital—Reports of the Federal Capital Commission to the Minister for Home and Territories for the Quarters ended 31st March and 30th June, 1925.*

Migration—

Agreement between the British and Commonwealth Governments regarding arrangements for the settlement in Australia of an increasing number of assisted migrants.

Australian Passage Agreement made between the British and Commonwealth Governments.
Department of Markets and Migration—List of Regulations and Proclamations issued under various Acts administered by the Department.

Forestry Position in Australia—Report by Mr. C. E. Lane-Poole, Commonwealth Forestry Adviser.

Bounties—

Canned Fruit Bounty Act—Particulars of Bounty paid, &c., Financial Year 1924–25.

Cattle Export Bounty Act—Particulars of Bounty paid, &c., for period ended 30th June, 1925.

Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Particulars of Bounty paid, &c., Financial Year 1924–25.

Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Statement by the Minister for Trade and Customs of the reasons for allowing the use of certain imported articles in manufactures (Tractors) on which bounty is payable.

Shale Oil Bounty Act—Particulars of Bounty paid, &c., Financial Year 1924–25.

Sulphur Bounty Act—Particulars of Bounty paid, &c., Financial Year 1924–25.

Wine Export Bounty Act—Particulars of Bounty paid, &c., Financial Year 1924–25.

Oil—Report by Dr. Arthur Wade, D.Sc. (Lond.), &c., on possibility of discovery in Queensland.

Petroleum—Report on Investigations made in New South Wales, by Dr. Arthur Wade, D.Sc. (Lond.), &c.

* Report for quarter ending 31st March presented to Senate only.

The Joint Committee recommend that, when Papers are being bound at the end of the present Session, all Papers relating to the Federal Capital should be bound in a separate volume.

E. B. C. CORSER,
Chairman.

The Senate Committee Room,
21st August, 1925.

Mr. Corser moved, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

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

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1924–25.

Ordered to be printed.

Public Service Act—Appointment of E. E. L. Lloyd, Attorney-General's Department.

War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission, together with Statements and Balance Sheets, 1st July, 1924, to 30th June, 1925.

7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Nelson 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, "Births and Deaths Ordinance, Northern Territory, No. 13 of 1925".

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. Nelson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business.

9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—BOYS' NAVAL TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT AT GEELONG.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–21*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for its investigation and report thereon, viz.:—Construction of Boys' Naval Training Establishment at Geelong (Victoria).

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

Question—put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.

11. COMMONWEALTH BANK (RURAL CREDITS) 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.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 (put in sections)—

60ABA debated and agreed to.

60ABB debated and agreed to.

60ABC and 60ABD agreed to.

60ABE debated and agreed to.

60ABF agreed to.

60ABG debated and agreed to.

60ABH debated and agreed to.

60ABI—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words " or other banks " (line 38) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 34.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	Mr. Whitsitt
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Killen	Mr. Thomas Paterson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment,—That the words " or a primary producer " be inserted after the word " banks " (line 38).

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Edward Riley

Noes, 35.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Malcolm Cameron
Mr. Lister	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Mackay	

And so it was negatived.

Section agreed to.

60ABJ debated and agreed to.

60ABK and 60ABL agreed to.

60ABM debated and agreed to.

60ABN debated and agreed to.

60ABO and 60ABP agreed to.

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Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been suspended, see preceding page 74), after debate, the Bill was 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 half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bayley, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Makin, Mr. Manning, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. Parker Moloney, and Mr. West.

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