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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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FRIDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1926.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1924-25.  
Ordered to be printed.  
War Service Homes Act—Arrangement between the War Service Homes Commissioner and the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—POWER ALCOHOL BOUNTY BILL (1926).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,  
*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 provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Power Alcohol.

Melbourne, 14th January, 1926.

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

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

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pratten, by leave, was adopted by the House.

4. POWER ALCOHOL BOUNTY BILL (1926).—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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1—

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PRECIOUS METALS PROSPECTING BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

*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 relating to the Encouragement of Prospecting for Precious Metals.

Melbourne, 14th January, 1926.

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

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 relating to the Encouragement of Prospecting for Precious Metals.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, by leave, 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PETROLEUM PROSPECTING BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

*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 relating to the Encouragement of Prospecting for Petroleum Oil.

Melbourne, 14th January, 1926.

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

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 relating to the Encouragement of Prospecting for Petroleum Oil.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, by leave, 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.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,  
*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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia.

Federal Government House,  
Melbourne, 15th January, 1926.

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

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 4.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Marr, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. West.

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