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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH, 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. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 20.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th March, 1926.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—GARDEN ISLAND NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT—NEW WHARF.—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 proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—Garden Island (New South Wales) Naval Establishment—Construction of a new wharf.
Mr. Hill having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the first Item (numbered 3) of the Customs Tariff (see pages 72 to 87).
 General debate concluded.
 Item numbered 3—
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mann reported accordingly.
 Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT (BONUS SHARES) BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to validate certain Refunds of Income Tax and for other purposes*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th March, 1926.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DRIED FRUITS ADVANCES BILL (1926).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Dried Fruits Advances Act 1924'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th March, 1926.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Ley, and Mr. Perkins.

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