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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH MAY, 1926.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 26th March last. Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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:—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

Bills intituled:—

“*Income Tax Assessment (Bonus Shares) Act 1926*”,
“*Dried Fruits Advances Act 1926*”,

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, 26th March, 1926.

3. HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ALEXANDRA.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Governor-General's Office,
Melbourne, 10th May, 1926.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Governor-General desires to inform the Speaker of the House of Representatives that he has been advised by the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs that the Address of Condolence with His Majesty the King on the death of Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on 13th January, 1926, has been laid before His Majesty, who has commanded that an expression of His grateful thanks may be conveyed to the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives for their message of sympathy and assurance of loyalty.

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, 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 Extension of the Trans-Australian Railway from Port Augusta to Red Hill (South Australia), and the laying of a third rail to provide a railway of 4 feet 8½ inches gauge on the South Australian 5 feet 3 inches gauge railway from Red Hill to the Central Railway Station, Adelaide.

Ordered to be printed.

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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Papuan Oilfields—Reports of the Commonwealth Representative for—
 December, 1925, to February, 1926.
 March, 1926.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Norfolk Island—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1925.

Tasmania—Report by Sir Nicholas Lockyer, C.B.E., I.S.O., on the Financial Position of Tasmania as affected by Federation.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Air Force Act and Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 49.
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 No. 2 of 1926—Australasian Society of Engineers.
 No. 3 of 1926—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia;
 Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.
 Nos. 4, 5, and 6 of 1926—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
 No. 7 of 1926—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia;
 Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.
 Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial
 Year, 1925-26—Dated 28th April, 1926.
 Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 29.
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 25, 30.
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Commerce (General Exports)
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 22.
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 37, 48, 54.
 Dried Fruits Advances Act—Return showing amount of Advances in the case of Dried
 Currants, Dried Sultanas, and Dried Lexias.
 Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 27.
 Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 47.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Morrisset, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 50, 51.
 New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1926—
 No. 7—Native Labour.
 No. 8—Business Tax Repeal.
 No. 9—Timber.
 No. 10—Commonwealth Bank.
 Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1926—No. 4—Companies.
 Papua Act—Ordinances of 1926—
 No. 1—Probate and Administration.
 No. 2—White Women's Protection.
 Petroleum Prospecting Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 45.
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 6, 7, 35.
 Precious Metals Prospecting Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 52.
 Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department of—
 Health—
 A. G. Gutteridge.
 Works and Railways—
 H. J. Bonwick.
 A. A. Jackson.
 St.L. H. Jamison.
 Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44.
 Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 57.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1926—
 No. 2—Fire Precautions.
 No. 3—Careless Use of Fire.
 Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 36, 59.
 War Service Homes Act—Land acquired in New South Wales, at—Concord, Keiraville.
 Workmen's Compensation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 46.

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

7. NORTHERN AUSTRALIA 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.

19th May, 1926.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and postponed.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Nelson moved, as an amendment, That the word "who" (line 8) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"one of whom shall be elected by the people of North Australia, and two of whom".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8, omitted, after debate, on the motion of Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) and the following new clause substituted therefor.

8. The Commission shall sit at such times and places in North Australia Times and places of meetings of Commission. as the Chairman determines.

Clauses 9 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

On the motion of Mr. Marr, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Line 12, after "Public" insert ", Railway or other".

Line 16, after "Public" insert ", Railway or other".

Line 17, after "Public" insert ", Railway or other".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Marr, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 5, line 29, omit "Commonwealth Public Service," insert "Public, Railway or other Service of the Commonwealth".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15—

Mr. Manning moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—" ; Provided that this shall not apply to temporary employees".

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 16—

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.

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

And then the House, at ten minutes 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. Anstey, Mr. Corser, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Perkins, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Stewart.

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