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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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 erection of Permanent Administrative Offices, Canberra.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Papua—Annual Report for the year 1924-25.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinance of 1926—No. 16—Public Service.
4. GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 27 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to ratify the Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia, Norris Garrett Bell, James Fraser, James Walker Davidson, and the State of New South Wales, to ratify the Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia, Norris Garrett Bell, James Fraser, James Walker Davidson, and the State of Queensland, and to amend the *Grafton to South Brisbane Railway Act 1924*.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.
The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hill, by leave, was adopted by the House.

6. GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) the following amendments were made:—

Page 2, line 5, after "on the" insert "twenty-eighth".

Page 2, line 6, after "day of" insert "May".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hill, the House, by leave, adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was, after debate, read a third time.

7. JUDICIARY 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Sir Granville Ryrie reported accordingly.

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

8. JUDICIARY BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 18 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judiciary Act 1903-1920*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Sir Granville Ryrie reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Latham, by leave, was adopted by the House.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1926).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that it has agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*", which were transmitted by the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The copy of the said Bill, which was forwarded by the House of Representatives, is returned herewith.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 7th July, 1926.

- 10 ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to eleven 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. Atkinson, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Corser, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mann, Mr. Manning, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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