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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

 TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1927.

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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Rodgers 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, "The excessive prices charged to the Australian primary producers for supplies of Superphosphates compared with the prices ruling in New Zealand for such commodities".
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. Rodgers moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 11, Government Business.
4. IMPERIAL CONFERENCE, 1926—SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS—MOTION FOR PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 3rd instant*], viz. :—
Imperial Conference, 1926—Summary of Proceedings ;
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Hughes not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Duncan-Hughes moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, Government Business.
6. DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly
On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 322), the Bill was read a third time.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATES GRANTS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 73.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Surplus Revenue Act 1910', to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 23.
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 24.
9. FRESH FRUITS OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Manning moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—APPOINTMENT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that Sir Granville Ryrie would be appointed High Commissioner, in London, for Australia.
11. PARLIAMENT HOUSE, MELBOURNE—OCCUPATION BY COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT—VOTE OF THANKS.—
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Parliament of the Commonwealth expresses to the Parliament, the Government, and the people of Victoria, its grateful thanks for their generous hospitality in placing the Parliament House of the State of Victoria at the disposal of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.
Mr. Scullin (Deputy-Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. W. Maloney, having spoken in support of the Motion—
Question—put and passed unanimously.
12. JUDICIARY BILL (1927).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 21st instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903-1926' and for other purposes*", 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.
13. FRESH FRUITS OVERSEAS MARKETING 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.
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 to 4 agreed to.
Clause 5—
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.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
15. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Latham, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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16. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1927-28.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 74.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

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Melbourne, 22nd March, 1927.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1927).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 75.

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

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Melbourne, 22nd March, 1927.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

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

And then the House, at three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates.

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