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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

No. 115.

THURSDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1936.

- 1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.- -Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING .- Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m. Question -put and passed.
- 3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT -LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.- Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.
 - Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.- Mr. Beasley 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, "Broadcasting over the National radio stations of political propaganda in reference to Ministerial Statements, facilities afforded to Friends of the Soviet Union and the Fourth Internationale, and the necessity for equal facilities to be provided for the Australian Labour Party'

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. Beasley moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

5. PAPERS .- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act Ordinances of 1936

No. 38-City Area Leases (No. 2).

No. 40 -- City Area Leases (No. 3).

6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE] .- The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I. The Senate -- namely-

Salaries and allowances .. £7,900 . .

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly. Resolved -- That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said ('ommittee.

7. ORANGE BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) (1936).—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.

Sir Frederick Stewart addressing the House and not having concluded his speech---the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered--That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

- 8. PRINTING OF PAPER .-- Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 23rd September last, be printed :-
 - National Debt Sinking Fund Act-National Debt Commission-Thirteenth Annual Report, for year 1935-36.
 - Question-put and passed. 1997 - **1**997 - 1997 an an an an a'

F.4800/34. . . • • 9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 140.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1932', to repeal the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1904-1934', and for other purposes ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

P. J. LYNCH, President.

Canberra, 1st October, 1936.

Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Fisken, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Sir Archdale Parkhill, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Riordan.

> E. W. PARKES, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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