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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Meat Export Bounties Act—Return of Subsidies paid on Beef and Live Cattle exported from the Commonwealth.
3. WAYS AND MEANS ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Yates moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Government take immediate steps to effectively overcome the present unemployed difficulty affecting the general taxpayers and returned soldiers."
Debate ensued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (1923).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—
FORSTER,
Governor-General. *Message No. 15.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.
Sydney, 31st July, 1923.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPIRITS BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 10.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Spirits Act 1906-1918'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd August, 1923. THOS. GIVENS,
President.

2nd August, 1923.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to make provision for the Redemption of the National Debt and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BEER EXCISE BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Beer Excise Act 1901-1918 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Excise Act 1901-1918 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DISTILLATION BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Distillation Act 1901-1918 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

10. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Agreement between the British, Australian, and New Zealand Governments, signed at London, 30th May, 1923, supplementing the Agreement of 2nd July, 1919, relating to the Administration of Nauru.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1923—

No. 28—Supply (No. 1) 1923-24.

No. 29—Expropriation.

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

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (see p. 95 ante), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—
The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

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.

2nd August, 1923.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

A Bill intituled "*Commonwealth Shipping Act 1923*", 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 Act.

Sydney, 31st July, 1923.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to 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. Bamford, Mr. Donald Cameron*, Mr. Fenton, Sir Neville Howse, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, and Mr. McGrath.

*On leave.

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