

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1925.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Bayley, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—  
Expenditure on Oil Exploration, Development, Refining, &c., in the Commonwealth and Papua.—Part I., comprising Introduction, Committee's Proceedings, Oil Exploration Work in Papua, Oil Exploration Work in Australia.

Ordered to be printed.

3. CUSTOMS BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Charlton 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 the next sitting.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1925-26.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

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-six for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 21st August, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN AUSTRALIA BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to make further provision for the Development and Government of the Northern Territory of Australia and for other purposes,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 21st August, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 17.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910,'" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 21st August, 1925.

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.

7. DISTILLATION BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr.

Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

8. POWER ALCOHOL BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Mann:—

(1) That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

(2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Forde, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Seabrook, and the Mover, five to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers and records; to adjourn from place to place; and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken; and that such Committee do report this day six weeks—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Brennan  
Mr. R. W. Foster  
Mr. Gabb  
Mr. Gregory  
Mr. Mann  
Mr. Maxwell  
Mr. Prowse  
Mr. Stewart

Tellers:

Mr. Forde  
Mr. Albert Green

Noes, 51.

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| Mr. Atkinson          | Mr. Mackay             |
| Mr. Bamford           | Mr. Makin              |
| Mr. Bayley            | Mr. Manning            |
| Mr. Bowden            | Mr. Marks              |
| Mr. Bruce             | Mr. Marr               |
| Mr. Donald Cameron    | Mr. Mathews            |
| Sir Austin Chapman    | Mr. Charles McDonald   |
| Mr. Charlton          | Mr. Frederick McDonald |
| Mr. Coleman           | Mr. McGrath            |
| Mr. Robert Cook       | Mr. McNeill            |
| Mr. Corser            | Mr. Parker Moloney     |
| Mr. Cunningham        | Mr. O'Keefe            |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes     | Mr. Earle Page         |
| Mr. Fenton            | Mr. Thomas Paterson    |
| Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. Pratten            |
| Mr. Josiah Francis    | Mr. Edward Riley       |
| Mr. Gardner           | Mr. E. C. Riley        |
| Mr. Gibson            | Mr. Scullin            |
| Mr. Roland Green      | Mr. Thompson           |
| Sir Littleton Groom   | Mr. William Watson     |
| Mr. Hill              | Mr. West               |
| Sir Neville Howse     | Mr. Whitsitt           |
| Mr. Jackson           |                        |
| Mr. Killen            | Tellers:               |
| Mr. Latham            |                        |
| Mr. Lazzarini         | Mr. Hunter             |
| Mr. Lister            | Mr. Yates              |

And so it was negatived.

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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. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) (1925).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 17.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.

Sydney, 19th August, 1925.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REPATRIATION.—Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to Repatriation.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 14.
12. NATIONALITY BILL (1925).—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 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, at Government House, at half-past two o'clock p.m. on Wednesday next.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to 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. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, and Mr. Watkins.

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