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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1925.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the Allowances to be granted to Returned Soldiers who are partially blind.
3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORTS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Reports from the Committee:—
 - Report relating to the Erection of Buildings at Canberra to accommodate the National Library, and for other purposes.
 - Report relating to the Construction of a Boys' Naval Training Establishment at Geelong, Victoria.
 Severally ordered to be printed, together with the Minutes of Evidence.
4. STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, by leave, made a Statement with reference to Wharfage Accommodation and Shipping Facilities at Darwin.
5. NATIONAL LIBRARY—ERECTION OF BUILDING AT CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following work:—Erection of a Building at Canberra to accommodate the National Library and for other purposes, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations.

Question—put and passed.
6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Western Australia—Report, together with Appendices, of the Royal Commission on the Finances of Western Australia, as affected by Federation.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 - No. 21 of 1925—Amalgamated Postal Linemen, Sorters and Letter Carriers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 22 of 1925—Line Inspectors' Association.
 - No. 23 of 1925—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.
 - Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Report by the Auditor-General upon the Accounts of the Trustees of the Fund for the year 1924-25.
 - Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during the year ended 30th June, 1925.
 - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1925—No. 16—Licensing (No. 2).
 - Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 128, 129, 143, 144, 153, 154, 160.
7. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1925).—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Pratten then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pratten moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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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. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

8. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1925).—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Pratten then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pratten moved, by leave, 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. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901-1923,'" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

Ordered, by leave—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 2, lines 30-31, leave out "and shall be notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette*."

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 2, after sub-clause (4.) insert the following sub-clause:—

"(4A.) Any determination of the Minister in pursuance of the last preceding sub-section shall be notified in the *Gazette*."

On the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), Amendments agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the House adopted the Report.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Public Service Ordinance 1913-1925—Regulations.

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 161, 162.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Entertainments Tax Act 1916-1922,'" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

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12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Naval Construction,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) of section twelve of the ' War Service Homes Act 1918-1923 '*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend sections twenty-four, thirty-one, forty-five and forty-seven of the ' Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1923 '*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

16. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1925-26.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1925-26 a sum not exceeding £8,436,553.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

17. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

18. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

19. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1925-26.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1925-26, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £8,436,553.

Question—put and passed.

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

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The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

20. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1925-26.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A 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,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Earle Page 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, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1924*."

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Northern Territory Representation Act 1922*."

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1924*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

24. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Tariff Proposals*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

23rd and 25th September, 1925.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair until Friday next at eleven o'clock a.m.

FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1925.

Resumption of Sitting.—At eleven o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives a Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Tariff Proposals*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th September, 1925.

27. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1925-26.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

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*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th September, 1925.

28. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 24 of 1925—
Common Rule (Leave of absence consequent on injuries received in the course of duty).
Papua Act—Infirm and Destitute Natives' Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees,
1924-25.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinance of 1925—No. 3—Queanbeyan Water Supply.

29. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Gregory, 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 a proposed new scheme for the
Erection of a Building in Brisbane for the Accommodation of Commonwealth
Departments.

Ordered to be printed.

30. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next.
Question—put and passed.

31. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in connexion with the Newsprint Industry.

32. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Thompson addressing the House—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Bayley moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—That the honorable Member be not further heard—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past twelve o'clock p.m., adjourned until Thursday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bowden, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert,
and Mr. Seabrook.

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

1925.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-
GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received after the adjournment of the House on the 25th September, 1925 :—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 29.

Bills intituled :—

Australian War Memorial Act 1925
Naval Properties Transfer Act 1925
Commonwealth Electoral Act 1925
Northern Territory Representation Act 1925
Customs Act 1925
Entertainments Tax Act 1925
Naval Construction Act 1925
War Pensions Appropriation Act 1925
War Service Homes Act 1925
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1925
Income Tax Assessment Act 1925
Income Tax Act 1925
Excise Tariff Validation Act 1925
Customs Tariff Validation Act 1925
Supply Act (No. 3) 1925-26

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 Acts.

Government House,
Melbourne, 26th September, 1925.