

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1926.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. TIME 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.
 3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Health—Report of the Royal Commission, together with Appendices.
 - Locarno Conference, 1925.—Final Protocol (and Annexes), together with Treaties between France and Poland and France and Czechoslovakia.
 - Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 - International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Seventh Session, held at Geneva, 19th May to 10th June, 1925—
 - Report of the Australian Government Delegate.
 - Report of the Australian Employers' Delegate.
 - Report of the Australian Workers' Delegate.
 - Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the Conference.
 - Papuan Oilfields—Reports of the Commonwealth Representative, for—
 - August, 1925.
 - September, 1925.
 - October, 1925.
- Ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Public Service Act—Second Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Air Force Act and Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 208.
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 - No. 25 of 1925—Fourth Division Officers' Association, Trade and Customs Department.
 - No. 26 of 1925—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.
 - No. 28 of 1925—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
 - No. 29 of 1925—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - No. 30 of 1925—Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 31 of 1925—Amalgamated Postal Linemen, Sorters, and Letter Carriers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 32 of 1925—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.
 - No. 33 of 1925—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - No. 34 of 1925—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year, 1924-25—
 - Dated 16th September, 1925.
 - Dated 30th September, 1925.
 - Canberra—First Annual Report of the Federal Capital Commission for the period ended 30th June, 1925.
 - Customs Act—
 - Proclamations relating to the prohibition of the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
 - Dried Fruits (dated 3rd November, 1925).
 - Canned Fruits (dated 3rd November, 1925).
 - Fresh Apples and Pears (dated 3rd November, 1925).
 - Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 186, 195, 218.

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Defence Act—

Munitions Supply Regulations—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 221.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 170, 190, 191, 209, 214, 220.

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations Amended—
Statutory Rules 1925, No. 167.

Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 177.

Excise Act—Excise Regulations—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 181.

High Court Procedure Act—Rules of Court—Rule *re* Sittings—Dated 4th November, 1925.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 202.

Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 203.

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 176.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Bicton, Western Australia—For Quarantine purposes.

Bridgetown, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Hamilton, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Maxwelton, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Rainbow, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Smithtown, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Townsville, Queensland—For Health purposes.

Nationality Act—Return for 1925.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 164, 187, 196, 222.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1925—

No. 43—Supply (No. 2) 1925–26.

No. 44—Treasury (No. 2).

No. 45—Uncontrolled Areas.

No. 46—Administrator's Powers (No. 2).

No. 47—Explosives.

No. 48—Supply (No. 3) 1925–26.

No. 49—Appropriation (No. 2) 1923–24.

No. 50—Appropriation (No. 2) 1924–25.

No. 51—Seamen's Compensation (No. 2).

No. 52—Police Offences.

No. 53—Supply (No. 4) 1925–26.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance 1924–25—Regulations.

Ordinances of 1925—

No. 17—Darwin Town Council.

No. 18—Commissioners for Affidavits Validation.

No. 19—Plant Diseases.

No. 20—Lights on Vehicles.

Northern Territory Representation Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations

Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 175.

Papua Act—Ordinances of 1925—

No. 6—Supply, 1925–26.

No. 7—Central Court.

No. 8—Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement).

No. 9—Samarai Protestant Church Grant.

No. 10—Customs (Export) Tariff.

No. 11—Cotton.

No. 12—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 4), 1924–25.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 188, 189, 212, 213.

Public Service Act—

List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Service on 30th June, 1925.

Appointments—Department of—

Attorney-General—

R. F. Bush.

A. M. Nicol, P. H. Roberts, and J. A. Gornall.

Postmaster-General's Department—

A. G. Howard.

Treasury—

J. S. Dunbar.

Works and Railways—

D. G. McCalman.

S. Mitchell.

P. J. Money.

G. Royle.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 168, 183, 184, 185, 193, 194, 199, 205,
215.

Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 171, 192, 198, 217.

Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 35, 36.

Representation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 211.

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Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances of 1925—

- No. 4—Leases.
- No. 5—Fish Protection.
- No. 6—Interpretation.
- No. 7—Trespass on Commonwealth Lands.
- No. 8—Federal Capital Commission's Powers.
- No. 9—Building and Services.
- No. 10—City Area Leases.
- No. 11—Leases (Special Purposes).
- No. 12—Real Property (No. 2).
- No. 13—Dairies Supervision.
- No. 14—Gun Licence.

Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 201.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Armidale, New South Wales.

4. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the honorable Member for Oxley (Mr. Bayley) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Cook.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Bayley made his acknowledgments to the House.
5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Gullett brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed yesterday, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Gullett moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1925-26.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 1.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 14th January, 1926.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply, when appointed.

7. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1925-26].—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee).

ESTIMATES, 1925-26.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Remainder of Vote—The Parliament—agreed to.

Remainder of Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

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Mr. Earle Page moved, That the following resolution be reported to the House :—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1925-26, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £22,302,950.

	Payable out of Revenue.	Payable out of Trust Fund and other Funds.	Total.
	£	£	£
PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES.—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.			
The Parliament	68,341	...	68,341
The Prime Minister's Department	213,301	...	213,301
The Department of the Treasury	623,953	...	...
Australian Note, Bond, and Stamp Printing Office ... ..	...	6,967	...
	623,953	6,967	630,920
The Attorney-General's Department	122,967	...	122,967
The Home and Territories Department	349,471	...	349,471
The Department of Defence	3,608,045	...	3,608,045
Special Defence Provision to cover Developmental Programme... ..	1,000,000	...	1,000,000
The Department of Trade and Customs	864,129	...	864,129
The Department of Works and Railways	254,974	...	254,974
The Department of Health	135,709	...	...
Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine—Salaries ... ..	...	7,043	...
Serum Laboratories—Salaries ... ..	...	18,019	...
	135,709	25,062	160,771
The Department of Markets and Migration	110,866	...	110,866
Miscellaneous Services	446,104	...	...
Refunds of Revenue	1,500,000	...	...
Advance to the Treasurer	1,500,000	...	...
	3,446,104	...	3,446,104
War Services Payable out of Revenue	1,082,301	...	...
Repatriation Commission—Salaries ... ..	...	191,910	...
	1,082,301	191,910	1,274,211
Total Part 1	11,880,161	223,939	12,104,100
PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.			
Commonwealth Railways	603,556	...	603,556
Postmaster-General's Department	9,332,905	...	9,332,905
Total Part 2	9,936,461	...	9,936,461
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.			
Northern Territory	128,821	...	128,821
Federal Capital Territory	50,000	...	50,000
Papua	67,396	...	67,396
New Guinea	10,000	...	...
New Guinea Trade Agency ... ..	...	2,672	...
	10,000	2,672	12,672
Norfolk Island	3,500	...	3,500
Total Part 3	259,717	2,672	262,389
TOTAL	22,076,339	226,611	22,302,950

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be asked to sit again

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

8. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
9. **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.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS [ESTIMATES 1925–26].**—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1925–26.

Mr. Earle Page 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 £6,084,342.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

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.

11. **APPROPRIATION BILL 1925–26.**—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*” 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.
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. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

12. **POWER ALCOHOL BOUNTY BILL (1926).**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Power Alcohol.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Bruce 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 (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Forde 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.
13. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Papuan Oilfields—Report for November, 1925, by the Commonwealth Representative.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 3.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Point Cook, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past nine 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. Bowden, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. West.

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