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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 70.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JULY, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Ports of North and North-Western Australia.—Report, dated 30th April, 1926, by Sir George Buchanan, K.C.I.E.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
Meteorological Service—Report by the Commonwealth Meteorologist for the year 1924-25.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—COTTAGES AT CANBERRA.—Mr. MARR (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, pursuant to notice—  
(1) That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely:—The Erection of Cottages at Canberra.  
(2) That the Committee have leave to meet whilst the House is sitting.  
Mr. Marr having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENTS BUILDING, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. MARR (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, 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:—The Erection of a Building at Canberra for Accommodation of Commonwealth Departments.  
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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

SOMERS,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 42.*

Bills intituled—

“*Excise Tariff 1926*,”“*Development and Migration Act 1926*,”“*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1926-27*,”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PETROLEUM PROSPECTING BILL (No. 2) (1926).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum Prospecting Act 1926'," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 21st July, 1926.

Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (see page 219), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President .. .. . £1,300

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

Mr. Brennan moved, That the first item be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Question—That the item proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Parker Moloney	

Tellers :

Mr. Fenton  
Mr. Lazzarini

Noes, 37.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nott
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Perkins
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Rodgers
Sir John Gellibrand	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Killen	

Tellers :

Mr. Hunter  
Mr. Parsons

And so it was negatived.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Ley, and Mr. Manning.

\* On leave.

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