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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom—Report for 1925.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Superannuation Act—Fourth Report of the Superannuation Fund Management Board, 1925–26.
Ordered to be printed.
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Statement by the Minister for Markets and Migration regarding the operation of the Act, together with the Report of the Dairy Produce Control Board for the year ended 30th June, 1926.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the appointment of the North Australia Commission.
4. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1926).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section fifty of the *War Service Homes Act* 1918–1925.
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.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notices of Motion be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1926–27.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £9,655,480"—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Northern Territory, £131,581"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Federal Capital Territory, £35,413"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Papua, £67,158"—agreed to.

Vote—"New Guinea, £10,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Norfolk Island, £3,500"—agreed to.

Vote—"Cost of Collection of Taxes for the States, £85,477"—debated and agreed to.

Postponed Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs," £909,229"—amendment moved there to by Mr. Mann, That the amount of the Vote be reduced by £1—

Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on Vote continued.

Vote agreed to.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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 1926–27, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £22,093,028.

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PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS
AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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The Parliament	68,657
The Prime Minister's Department	212,961
The Department of the Treasury	542,178
The Attorney-General's Department	130,265
The Home and Territories Department	290,000
The Department of Defence	3,800,000
Special Defence Provision to cover Developmental Programme	1,000,000
The Department of Trade and Customs	909,229
The Department of Works and Railways	330,574
The Department of Health	200,000
The Department of Markets and Migration	110,277
Miscellaneous Services	464,904
Refunds of Revenue	800,000
Advance to the Treasurer	1,500,000
War Services Payable out of Revenue	1,119,006
Total Part 1	11,478,051

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	626,368
Postmaster-General's Department	9,655,480
Total Part 2	10,281,848

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	131,581
Federal Capital Territory	35,413
Papua	67,158
New Guinea	10,000
Norfolk Island	3,500
Total Part 3.	247,652

PART 4.—PAYMENTS TO OR FOR STATES.

Cost of Collection of Taxes for the States	85,477
TOTAL	22,093,028

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1926–27.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1926–27.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1926–27, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £18,046,911.

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 a later hour this day, 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.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL 1926-27.—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-seven 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 agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) 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 agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. 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. 51.

Bills intituled:—

- “ *States Loan Act 1926* ”
- “ *Shale Oil Bounty Act 1926* ”
- “ *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1926* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1926* ”

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.

Melbourne, 11th August, 1926.

13. FEDERAL CAPITAL COMMISSION—LOAN.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice—
(1) That, in pursuance of Section 20 of the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924-26*, the Federal Capital Commission be authorised to borrow the sum of £2,650,000 for the purpose of the exercise of its powers under that Act.
(2) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence.
Question—put and passed.
14. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MAIL—HANDLING APPLIANCES, SYDNEY GENERAL POST OFFICE.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, 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, viz. :—Sydney General Post Office—Installation of Mail-Handling Appliances.
Mr. Hill having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
15. CANBERRA—ERECTION OF COTTAGES AT—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 Cottages at Canberra.
Question—put and passed.

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16. COTTON BOUNTY BILL.—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.

Mr. Earle Page 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 a later hour this day.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL (1926).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend section six of the *Maternity Allowance Act 1912*.

Melbourne, 12th August, 1926.

Ordered—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.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend section six of the *Maternity Allowance Act 1912*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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.

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. Hill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page 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. 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 agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

18. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX BILL (1926).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved—

1. That a tax be imposed on income derived from sources in Australia at the following amounts and rates, namely :—

A.—Rate of Tax upon Income Derived from Personal Exertion.

For so much of the whole taxable income as does not exceed £7,600 the average rate of tax per pound sterling shall be Threepence and three eight-hundredths of one penny where the taxable income is One pound sterling, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of One pound sterling of the taxable income by three eight-hundredths of one penny.

The average rate of tax per pound sterling for so much of the taxable income as does not exceed £7,600 may be calculated from the following formula :—

R = average rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.

I = taxable income in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left(3 + \frac{3}{800}I \right) \text{ pence.}$$

For every pound sterling of taxable income in excess of £7,600 the rate of tax shall be Sixty pence.

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B.—Rate of Tax upon Income Derived from Property.

(a) For such part of the taxable income as does not exceed £546 the average rate of tax per pound sterling shall be that given by the following formula :—

R = average rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.
I = taxable income in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left(3 + \frac{I}{181.058} \right) \text{ pence.}$$

(b) For such part of the taxable income as exceeds £546 but does not exceed £2,000, the additional tax for each additional pound of taxable income above £546 shall increase continuously with the increase of the taxable income in a curve of the second degree in such a manner that the increase of tax for One pound increase of taxable income shall be—

11.713 pence for the pound sterling between	£545 10s. Od. and	£546 10s. Od.
12.768 pence for the pound sterling between	£599 10s. Od. and	£600 10s. Od.
14.672 pence for the pound sterling between	£699 10s. Od. and	£700 10s. Od.
16.512 pence for the pound sterling between	£799 10s. Od. and	£800 10s. Od.
18.288 pence for the pound sterling between	£899 10s. Od. and	£900 10s. Od.
20.000 pence for the pound sterling between	£999 10s. Od. and	£1,000 10s. Od.
27.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£1,499 10s. Od. and	£1,500 10s. Od.
33.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£1,999 10s. Od. and	£2,000 10s. Od.

(c) For such part of the taxable income as exceeds £2,000, but does not exceed £6,500 the additional tax for each additional pound of taxable income above £2,000 shall increase continuously with the increase of the taxable income in a curve of the third degree in such a manner that the increase of tax for One pound increase of taxable income shall be—

33.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£1,999 10s. Od. and	£2,000 10s. Od.
40.000 pence for the pound sterling between	£2,499 10s. Od. and	£2,500 10s. Od.
45.300 pence for the pound sterling between	£2,999 10s. Od. and	£3,000 10s. Od.
49.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£3,499 10s. Od. and	£3,500 10s. Od.
53.000 pence for the pound sterling between	£3,999 10s. Od. and	£4,000 10s. Od.
55.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£4,499 10s. Od. and	£4,500 10s. Od.
57.500 pence for the pound sterling between	£4,999 10s. Od. and	£5,000 10s. Od.
58.800 pence for the pound sterling between	£5,499 10s. Od. and	£5,500 10s. Od.
59.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£5,999 10s. Od. and	£6,000 10s. Od.
60.000 pence for the pound sterling between	£6,499 10s. Od. and	£6,500 10s. Od.

(d) For every pound sterling of taxable income in excess of £6,500 the rate of tax shall be Sixty pence.

C.—Rates of Tax in respect of Taxable Income Derived Partly from Personal Exertion and Partly from Property.

(a) For every pound sterling of taxable income derived from personal exertion, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Subdivision A if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from personal exertion by the amount of the total taxable income.

(b) For every pound sterling of taxable income derived from property, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Subdivision B if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from property by the amount of the total taxable income.

D.—Additional Tax.

In addition to the tax payable under the preceding provisions, there shall be payable, in the case of incomes in respect of which the tax is calculated under Subdivision A, B or C, an additional tax equal to twenty per centum of the amount of the tax so calculated.

E.—Tax payable where amount would otherwise be less than One pound.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding provisions, where a person would, apart from this provision, be liable to pay income tax of an amount less than One pound, the tax payable by that person shall be One pound.

F.—Rates of Tax payable by a Company.

(a) For every pound sterling of the taxable income of a Company, the rate of tax shall be One shilling.

(b) For every pound sterling of interest paid or credited by the Company to any person who is an absentee, in respect of debentures of the Company or on money lodged at interest with the Company by such person, the rate of tax shall be One shilling.

2. That tax in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this resolution shall be levied and paid for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

3. That the foregoing provisions of this resolution shall also apply to all assessments of income tax for financial years subsequent to that beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six made prior to the passing of the Act for the levying and payment of income tax for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

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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 a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Earle Page 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.

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. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes* ”, 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 agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

19. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1926).—

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

SOMERS,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend section five of the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1924*.

Melbourne, 6th August, 1926.

Ordered—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.*)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend section five of the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1924*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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.

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. Hill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page 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. 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 agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

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20. COTTON BOUNTY BILL.—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.

The House divided—

Ayes, 39:		Noes, 4.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Mann
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Marks	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marr	Mr. Duncan-Hughes
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nott	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Pratten	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Edward Riley	
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Scullin	
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. West	
Mr. Roland Green		
Mr. Gullett		
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>	
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Lister	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Clause 3 debated and postponed until after the consideration of Clause 4.

Clause 4 debated.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the word "September" (line 25) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "July" in place thereof.

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Mann) ruled the amendment out of order, on the ground that its effect would be to increase the amount of the appropriation required.

Debate on clause continued.

On the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), the following amendments were made :—

Line 25, omit "first day of September", insert "sixteenth day of August".

Line 26, omit "thirty-first", insert "fifteenth".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the following amendment was made :—

Line 14, omit "first day of September", insert "sixteenth day of August".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated.

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That the words "One penny half-penny" (line 30) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "two pence" in place thereof.

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Mann) ruled the amendment out of order, on the ground that its effect would be to increase the amount of the appropriation required.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 14 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pratten (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 261) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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21. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Appropriation Bill 1926-27*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

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 the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th August, 1926.

[*War Service Homes Bill (1926)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section fifty of the ‘ War Service Homes Act 1918-1925 ’,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th August, 1926.

[*Federal Capital Commission—Loan*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate, having taken into consideration Message No. 61 of the House of Representatives requesting the concurrence of the Senate in the following Resolution, viz. :—

“ That, in pursuance of Section 20 of the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924-26,* the Federal Capital Commission be authorized to borrow the sum of £2,650,000 for the purpose of the exercise of its powers under that Act ”—

acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate concurs in such Resolution.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th August, 1926.

[*Maternity Allowance Bill (1926)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 65.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section six of the ‘ Maternity Allowance Act 1912 ’,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th August.

[*Income Tax Bill (1926)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

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.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th August, 1926, a.m.

[*Land Tax Assessment Bill (1926)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section five of the ‘ Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1924 ’,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th August, 1926, a.m.

22. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

League of Nations—First Assembly, held at Geneva, November-December, 1920—Report of the Commonwealth Representative, Senator the Honorable E. D. Millen.

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

Norfolk Island Affairs—Report, together with Appendices, of the Royal Commission.

British Phosphate Commission—Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1925 (5th year).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 26 of 1926—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 27 of 1926—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

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Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty minutes to three o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair until two o'clock p.m.

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

23. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COTTON BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Seed Cotton and Cotton Yarn,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th August, 1926.

24. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Railways Act—By-law No. 39.
25. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
26. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.
27. IMPERIAL CONFERENCE, 1926—AGENDA—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 3rd instant*], viz. :—
Imperial Conference, 1926—Agenda—
be printed—
Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.
28. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (JOINT)—REPORT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bowden, That the Paper [*presented on the 11th instant*], viz. :—
Library Committee (Joint)—Report, dated 11th August, 1926, on the Hardy Wilson Collection of Drawings of Old Colonial Architecture—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.
29. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—APPLES.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to Apples and the request for Financial Assistance to Australian orchardists who sustained losses in consequence of the general strike in Great Britain.
30. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present. (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manning, Mr. Prowse, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Thompson.

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