

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1927.

1. The House met, at three 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—
Federal Health Council of Australia—First Session, held at Melbourne from 25th to 28th January, 1927—Report.
International Pacific Health Conference, held at Melbourne from 15th to 22nd December, 1926—Report.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—SEVENTH ASSEMBLY—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), a delegate of the Commonwealth at the Assembly, laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the Report of the Australian Delegation to the Seventh Assembly of the League of Nations (6th September to 25th September, 1926)—and, after giving a Report of the Proceedings at the Conference, moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Latham not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.

Mr. Manning, who was also a delegate of the Commonwealth at the Assembly, also gave an account of the proceedings.

The time arriving for the calling on of the Orders of the Day under Standing Order No. 119—

Ordered—That the time for the debate on Motions be extended.

Debate continued.

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.—MOVING-PICTURE INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA.—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolutions, which were this day agreed to by the Senate:—

- (1) That, with reference to the Resolution agreed to by the Senate on the 3rd March, 1927, the following Senators be appointed to serve on the Joint Committee to inquire into and report on the moving-picture industry in Australia:—Senators Duncan, Grant, and Herbert Hays;
- (2) That one Member of the Senate, sitting with three other Members of the Committee, shall constitute a quorum, provided that in such quorum both Houses shall be represented;
- (3) That the Committee have leave to report the Minutes of Evidence from time to time;
- (4) That the Senate agrees to the time and place proposed by the House of Representatives for the first meeting of the Committee.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th March, 1927.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

15th March, 1927.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1927-28.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 58.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 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-eight.

Melbourne, 2nd March, 1927.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1927-28.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1927-28 a sum not exceeding £5,851,495.

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 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 RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1927-28.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1927-28, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £5,851,495.

Debate ensued.

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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (1927).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1918’*,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 15th March, 1927.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BANKRUPTCY BILL (1927).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 72.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Bankruptcy Act 1924’*,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 15th March, 1927.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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.

15th March, 1927.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten 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. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green,
Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Yates.

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