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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

No. 190.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1928.

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. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Corser, Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed:—

*Petition from 3,092 residents within the Federal Capital Territory pointing out that they are without Parliamentary representation, and praying that representation in the Commonwealth Parliament, by a Member elected by themselves, be granted to them.

*Petition from 2,705 residents within the Federal Capital Territory, pointing out that they are without representation on the local governing body of the Territory, and praying that representation on the Federal Capital Commission, by a representative elected by themselves, be granted to them.

Nationality Act—Return for 1927.

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1927.

Immigration Act—Return for 1927.

Northern Australia Act—North Australia Commission—First Annual Report, for period ended 30th June, 1927.

* Presented to House of Representatives only.

Senate Committee Room,
13th June, 1928.

E. B. C. CORSER,
Chairman.

Mr. Corser moved, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Development and Migration Commission—Gold-mining Industry of Australia—Report.
New Guinea—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from 1st July, 1926, to 30th June, 1927.

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

Bankruptcy Act—Report on Work preparatory to Proclamation of Act.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SYDNEY—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Health) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, 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 investigation:—

Erection of a School of Public Health at Sydney.

Question—put and passed.

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5. AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AT CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Home and Territories) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, 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 investigation :—

Australian War Memorial at Canberra.

Question—put and passed.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF MODIFICATIONS OF WORK—NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN ZOOLOGY, CANBERRA.—Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Home and Territories) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the Report of the Commonwealth Public Works Committee on the proposed construction of buildings and formation of Zoological Reservation at Canberra for the National Museum of Australian Zoology shall, for the purpose of considering certain modifications of the proposed work which appear to be necessary as the result of the development of the preliminary scheme originally submitted to the Committee, be remitted to the Committee for its further consideration and report.

Question—put and passed.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1927).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 136.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1927*," 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.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928, a.m.

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.)

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 1, clause 1, leave out sub-clauses (2.) and (3.), and insert the following sub-clause in their stead :—

"(2.) The *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1927* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act."

No. 2.—Page 6, clause 21, line 13, leave out "the Court", insert "a Judge".

No. 3.—Page 6, clause 21, line 14, leave out "it", insert "he".

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the Amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 135.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1925*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6 and 10 of the Amendments made by the House of Representatives therein; has agreed to Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 with amendments, and to Amendments Nos. 1 and 5, making consequential amendments in the Bill, as set out in the annexed Schedule; and has disagreed to Amendment No. 9, as set out in the annexed Schedule, and for the reasons given therein.

The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect to the Amendment disagreed to, and the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments to Amendments Nos. 7 and 8, and in the consequential amendments on Amendments Nos. 1 and 5, made in the Bill.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928, a.m.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

14th June, 1928.

9. SOUTH MELBOURNE (VICTORIA)—ERECTION OF POSTAL WORKSHOPS—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, 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 inquiries :—

South Melbourne (Victoria) —Erection of Postal Workshops.

Question—put and passed.

10. WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (1928).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to section eight of the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1920-1923*.

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. Bruce moved, by leave, 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. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 104.

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 provide for carrying out Geophysical Surveys in Australia.

Canberra,

22nd November, 1927.

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. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for carrying out Geophysical Surveys in Australia.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

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

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. Bruce 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 the Bill was read a third time.

14th June, 1928.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.
13. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL (1928).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That notwithstanding anything contained in the *Customs Tariff 1921–1928* or the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1922–1926*, from and after the fifteenth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, there shall be charged, collected and paid to the King for the purposes of the Commonwealth on butter and cheese produced or manufactured in the Dominion of New Zealand and imported direct from that Dominion after the time and date above specified or imported direct from that Dominion before, and entered for home consumption after, that time and date, duty of Customs at the rate of sixpence per pound.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

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

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. Bruce 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

14. MOVING-PICTURE INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA—REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion, That the Paper [*presented on the 24th April last*], viz. :—

Moving-Picture Industry in Australia—Report of the Royal Commission—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

15. OFFICERS' RIGHTS DECLARATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), 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. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 1) (1928).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 105.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.

Melbourne, 2nd June, 1928.

14th June, 1928.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley 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. Latham 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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Schedule—

Appropriation—“ War and Repatriation Services, £311,255 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Prime Minister’s Department, £75,000 ”—debated—

Question—That the Appropriation be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Ley	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Nott	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parsons	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook		
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter		
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Appropriation—“ Department of the Treasury, £100,000—agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Home and Territories Department, £10,000 ”—agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of Defence, £66,250 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of Trade and Customs, £5,500 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of Works and Railways, £311,000 ”—agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Postmaster-General’s Department, £941,500 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of Health, £5,100 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of Markets, £40,000 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Redemptions—Port Augusta—Oodnadatta Railway Loans, £54,395 ”—agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Hurry reported accordingly.

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

14th June, 1928.

17. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1926-27.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 106.*

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 4th May, 1928.

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 107.*

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 4th May, 1928.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply, forthwith.

18. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1926-27.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1926-27.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1926-27, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

Part I.—Departments and Services other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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I.—The Parliament	5,160
II.—The Prime Minister's Department	22,784
III.—The Department of the Treasury	138,989
IV.—The Attorney-General's Department	10,929
V.—The Home and Territories Department	12,817
VI.—The Department of Defence	15,700
VII.—The Department of Trade and Customs	26,379
VIII.—The Department of Works and Railways	16,627
IX.—The Department of Health	18,789
X.—Department of Markets and Migration	8,944
XI.—Miscellaneous Services	204,754
XII.—War Services	178,149

Total Part I. 660,021

Part II.—Business Undertakings. ..

I.—Commonwealth Railways	1,030
II.—Postmaster-General's Department	283,118

Total Part II. 284,148

Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.

Northern Territory	5,331
Federal Capital Territory	22,361
New Guinea	1,078
Norfolk Island	840

Total Part III. 29,610

Total 973,779

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1926-27.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1926-27 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £21,379.

Questions—put and passed.

Resolutions 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.

14th June, 1928.

19. 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.
20. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), were adopted by the House.
21. WAYS AND MEANS [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1926–27].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1926–27.

That, towards making good the further 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 £973,779.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1926–27.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1926–27, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £21,379.

Questions—put and passed.

Resolutions 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.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

22. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1926–27.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven,* ” 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. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

23. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1926–27.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,* ” 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. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

24. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY APPROPRIATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 108.

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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Scientific and Industrial Investigation.

Canberra, 22nd May, 1928.

14th June, 1928.

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. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Scientific and Industrial Investigation.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

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

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. Bruce 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. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

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

[*National Debt Sinking Fund Bill (1928)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 137.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1925’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1928)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 138.

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 Invalid and Old-age Pensions*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

[*War Pensions Appropriation Bill (1928)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 139.

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.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

[*Supply Bill (No. 1) 1928-29*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 140.

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-nine*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

14th June, 1928.

[*War Precautions Act Repeal Bill (1928)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 141.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to section eight of the 'War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1920-1923'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

[*Geophysical Survey Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 142.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for carrying out Geophysical Surveys in Australia*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill (1928)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 143.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

26. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

The following motion (*moved on 24th April last*) was further considered :—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1921-1928* be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Twenty-fifth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Item.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.			
320. By omitting clause (b) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following clause :— " (b) Other per lineal foot	Free	1d.	2d."

Mr. Bruce (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(b) Other "And on and after 15th June, 1928 per lineal foot	Free	1d.	1½d."

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Hurry reported accordingly.

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

27. RENUNCIATION OF WAR— DOCUMENTS RELATING TO PROPOSED TREATY—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 1st instant*], viz. :—

Renunciation of War—Documents relating to Proposed Treaty—be printed—

Question—put and passed.

14th June, 1928.

28. RENUNCIATION OF WAR—PROPOSED TREATY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the proposal made by the United States of America that the nations of the world solemnly renounce by Treaty all recourse to War as an instrument of their national policy is one with which this House has full and complete sympathy.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

[*Loan Bill (No. 1) 1928*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 144.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1926-27*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 145.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1926-27*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 146.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

[*Science and Industry Appropriation Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 147.

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 Scientific and Industrial Investigation,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th June, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

30. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day—

Australian British Empire Exhibition Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate—

was called on, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), was discharged.

31. ELECTORAL BILL (1927).—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 135.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 135—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, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED, MAKING CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS IN THE BILL.

Amendment No. 1, viz. :—

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, lines 14-16, omit "whose real place of living is not in the Division in respect of which he is enrolled shall not be entitled to vote as an elector of that Division", insert "shall not be entitled to vote as an elector of the Division in respect of which he is enrolled".

Amendment agreed to with the following consequential amendment in the Bill, viz. :—

Page 2, after clause 2 insert the following new clause :—

2A. Section forty-one of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (4.) the word “ and ” (last occurring) ; and

(b) by adding at the end of paragraph (b) of sub-section (4.) the words—“ and

(c) any Senator or Member of the House of Representatives whose name is enrolled in accordance with the provisions of this sub-section may vote as an elector of the Sub-division in respect of which he is so enrolled.”

Claims for enrolment or transfer of enrolment.

Amendment No. 5, viz. :—

No. 5.—Page 4, clause 9, line 25, omit “ who ”, insert “ or may be delivered on polling day to any presiding officer, and the Divisional Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, or presiding officer, as the case may be.”.

Amendment agreed to with the following consequential amendments in the Bill, viz. :—

Page 8, clause 21, line 7, after “ Officer ” insert “ or any Assistant Returning Officer or presiding officer ”.

Page 8, clause 22, line 14, after “ Officer ” insert “ or any Assistant Returning Officer or presiding officer ”.

Page 8, clause 23, line 23, after “ Officer ” insert “ or any Assistant Returning Officer or presiding officer ”.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH AMENDMENTS.

Amendment No. 7, viz. :—

No. 7.—Page 4, clause 11, at the end of the clause add the following :—
“ and

(c) by inserting, after the words ‘ Divisional Returning Officer ’, the words ‘ or delivery to an Assistant Returning Officer or a presiding officer ’ ”.

Amendment agreed to with the following amendments, viz. :—

Omit the words “ at the end of the clause ” and insert in their stead the words “ after paragraph (a) ”.

Omit “ and (c) ” and insert “ (aa) ”.

Omit the words “ delivery to an Assistant Returning Officer or a presiding officer ”, and insert in their stead the words “ an Assistant Returning Officer or delivery to a presiding officer ; and ”.

Amendment No. 8, viz. :—

No. 8.—Page 5, clause 13, line 3, after “ Officer ” insert “ or any presiding officer ”.

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

After “ any ” insert “ Assistant Returning Officer or ”.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 9.—Page 5, after clause 14 insert the following new clause :—

14A. Section one hundred and thirteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the word “ State ” and inserting in its stead the word “ Commonwealth ”.

Where electors may vote.

(Reasons of the Senate for disagreeing to Amendment No. 9 of the House of Representatives.)

1. That the proposed amendment would cause delay in the counting of votes and the announcement of the result of the election owing to the fact that it would in many Divisions be necessary to await the receipt of possible absent votes cast in parts of the Commonwealth remote from such Divisions.

2. That the proposed amendment would give rise to difficulties of administration on account of the fact that it confers upon persons claiming to vote as absent voters the right to vote at any polling place in the Commonwealth. Consequently it would be necessary for the presiding officer in every polling booth in the Commonwealth to be equipped to deal with a claim to vote for any other subdivision in the Commonwealth. For this purpose he would require lists of the candidates for election in every Division in each State and lists of the candidates for election to the Senate in each State.

On the motion of Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Home and Territories), the consequential amendments made by the Senate in the Bill to Amendments Nos. 1 and 5 were agreed to.

On the motion of Sir Neville Howse, the amendments made by the Senate to Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 were agreed to.

Sir Neville Howse moved, That Amendment No. 9 be not insisted on.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

14th June, 1928.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Ley	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Lister	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton
Sir John Gellibrand		Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter		
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.
On the motion of Sir Neville Howse, the House adopted the Report.

32. 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.
33. 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.
34. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General
~~Department of Migration Commission~~—Federal Pastoral Advisory Committee—Report.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1928—No. 3—Plant and Fruit Diseases.
35. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to eleven 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. Bowden*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Forde, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Roland Green*,
Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr.
Mackay, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marr, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave..

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.