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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 192.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1928.

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. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 109.*

Bills intituled:—

“ *Crimes Act 1928* ”“ *Service and Execution of Process Act 1928* ”“ *State and Territorial Laws and Records Recognition Act 1928* ”“ *Officers' Right's Declaration Act 1928* ”“ *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1928,*”

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

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 22nd June, 1928.

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 110.*

Bills intituled:—

“ *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1928* ”“ *National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1928* ”“ *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1928* ”“ *War Pensions Appropriation Act 1928* ”“ *Supply Act (No. 1) 1928-29* ”“ *War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1928* ”“ *Geophysical Survey Act 1928* ”“ *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1928* ”“ *Loan Act (No. 1) 1928* ”“ *Science and Industry Appropriation Act 1928,*”

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

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 22nd June, 1928.

30th August, 1928.

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 111.

Bills intituled :—

“ *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1926-27* ”“ *Supplementary 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 Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 28th June, 1928.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. E. C. Riley rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “ The failure of the Government to safeguard the public interests in regard to the erection of Public Buildings in the Federal Capital Territory ”.

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. E. C. Riley moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Makin
Mr. Parker Moloney	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Ley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parsons
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Graham Pratten
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hurry	
Sir Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Latham	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Import and Export Prohibitions and Restrictions—Abolition—International Conference, Geneva, 1927—Report of the Australian Delegate.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 52.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1928—

No. 17—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.

No. 18—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.

No. 19—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 20—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 21—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 22—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

No. 23—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.

Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1927-28—Dated 20th June, 1928.

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 47, 57, 65, 74.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 58, 72.

Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted up to—
31st March, 1928.

30th June, 1928.

Housing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 50.

Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 61.

Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 75.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Arncliffe, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 49, 59, 73.

30th August, 1928.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1928—

- No. 13—Sheriff.
- No. 14—Transfer of Land Control.
- No. 15—Supply (No. 1) 1928-29.
- No. 16—Judiciary (No. 2).
- No. 17—Land.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1928—No. 4—Plant and Fruit Diseases (No. 2).

Northern Australia Act—Ordinances of 1928—

Central Australia—

- No. 10—Dangerous Drugs.
- No. 11—Administration and Probate.
- No. 12—Registration.
- No. 13—Crown Lands.
- No. 14—Crimes.
- No. 15—Local Courts.
- No. 16—Plant Diseases.
- No. 17—Aboriginals.
- No. 18—Public Service.

North Australia—

- No. 10—Dangerous Drugs.
- No. 11—Administration and Probate.
- No. 12—Registration.
- No. 13—Crown Lands.
- No. 14—Crimes.
- No. 15—Local Courts.
- No. 16—Plant Diseases.
- No. 17—Aboriginals.
- No. 18—Encouragement of Primary Production.
- No. 19—Public Service.
- No. 20—Hospitals.

Papua Act—

- Infirm and Destitute Natives Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees, 1927-28.
- Ordinance of 1928—No. 6—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 1927-28: together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure (No. 1) for the year ending 30th June, 1928.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department of—

Health—

- W. M. Bevington.
- D. A. Dowling.
- E. J. Wareham.

Markets—J. T. Reynolds.

Trade and Customs—

- L. Barker-Woden and S. B. Page.
- G. A. Paterson, C. B. Odman, J. S. Bell, R. M. W. Cunningham, E. H. D'Arcy-Evans, and J. Eadie.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 56, 66.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1928—

- No. 12—Housing (No. 2).
- No. 13—Liquor Poll.
- No. 14—Liquor Poll (No. 2).
- No. 15—Theatres and Public Halls.
- No. 16—Police Superannuation.
- No. 17—Building and Services.

Shale Oil Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 76.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1928-29.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 112.*

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-nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Brisbane, 7th August, 1928.

30th August, 1928.

STONEHAVEN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 113.*

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

Brisbane, 7th August, 1928.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply at a later hour this day.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—GENERAL ELECTIONS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the date of the next General Elections.
7. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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

The President	£1,300
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be agreed to.

Question—proposed.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1928–29.

Parts 1, 2, and 3, £383,785, debated.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Mann reported accordingly.

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

8. PAPER.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The Budget, 1928–29—Papers presented by the Honorable Earle Page, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1928–29.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven 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. Bayley, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Nott, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.