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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 194.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1928.

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—
Development and Migration Commission—Report on Unemployment and Business Stability in Australia.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Federal Parliament—Statements in the Press in regard to offers alleged to have been made to Members to resign seats—Report, together with Appendices, of the Royal Commission.
Ordered, after debate, to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 80.
Papua Act—Ordinances of 1928—
No. 3—London Missionary Society Corporation Land Transfer.
No. 4—Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy).
No. 7—Customs.
Public Service Act—Appointment of R. P. Cunningham, Postmaster-General's Department.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Liquor Poll Ordinances—Regulations.
3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL (1928).—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 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Bruce moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 43.		Noes, 3.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lister	Mr. Anstey
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mann	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Perkins	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Graham Pratten	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Edward Riley	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart	
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Theodore	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Hill	Mr. West	
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Yates	
Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Killer		
Mr. Latham	Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Ley	Mr. Manning	

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1928-29.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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

Parts 1, 2, and 3, £383,785, further debated—

Parts 1, 2, and 3 considered in Divisions.

Division No. 1, The Prime Minister's Department, £300, agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 2 to 4, The Home and Territories Department, £54,800, debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 5 to 8, The Department of Defence, £156,900, agreed to.

Division No. 9, The Department of Trade and Customs, £13,470, agreed to.

Division No. 10, The Department of Health, £18,565, agreed to.

Division No. 11, North Australia and Central Australia, £22,250, agreed to.

Division No. 12, Reconstruction of Canberra-Goulburn road—towards cost, £75,000, debated.

Question—That the Division be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 15.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Marr	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Bell
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Brennan
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Forde
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Graham Pratten	Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Gardner	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Gullett
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Mann
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Hill	Mr. West	Mr. Parsons
Sir Neville Howse		Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Latham	Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Ley	Mr. Manning	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Fenton
		Mr. Lister

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Division No. 13, Purchase of machinery for Government Printing Office, Canberra, £42,500, agreed to.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1928-29, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £383,785.

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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1928-29.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1928-29, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £383,785.

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 the next sitting, 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. Latham do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. **APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1928-29.**—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*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-nine for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*" 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.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen 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. Donald Cameron, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Nott, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Seabrook, and Mr. Watkins.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.