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No. 198.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 11TH 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. MEMBER SWORN.—Bernard Henry Corser, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1928, and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department at 30th June, 1928; together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon.
  - The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
    - League of Nations—Economic Consultative Committee—First Session, held at Geneva, May, 1928—Report of the Australian Representative.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
  - The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
    - National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Fifth Annual Report, for year ended 30th June, 1928.
 Ordered to be printed.
    - Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 62, 88.
    - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1928—No. 18—National Memorials.
    - Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 79.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1928).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
 

*Message No. 149.*

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1924'*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th September, 1928.
- Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) 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.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CAULFIELD EAST, VICTORIA—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.—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:—Caulfield East, Victoria—Establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchange.
- Mr. Hill having laid on the Table a plan, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
- Question—put and passed.

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6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—EDGECLIFF, NEW SOUTH WALES—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.—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:—Edgecliff, New South Wales—Establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchange.  
Mr. Hill having laid on the Table a plan, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—  
Question—put and passed.
7. TASMANIA GRANT 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.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 642) the Bill was read a third time.

8. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1928).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 5th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend sections thirteen, forty-four L, and forty-nine of the ' Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1927 '*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Scullin 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.
9. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Question again proposed (see page 628), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—  
The Parliament—namely—

The President ..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,300
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be agreed to.  
General debate ensued.  
Progress 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.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—INDUSTRIAL DISTURBANCE IN WATERSIDE INDUSTRY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the present Industrial Disturbance in the Waterside Industry, and the possible effect of such Disturbance on Overseas and Coastal Shipping.  
Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
12. BEER EXCISE BILL (1928).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bruce (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL (1928).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 5th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914-1922 ', and for other purposes "*, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Brennan 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.

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14. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1928).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 5th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Income Tax Assessment Act 1922–1927’ and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Scullin 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.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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 to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Forde, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Nott, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

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