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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 205.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—National Memorials Ordinance—Determination of the Federal Capital Commission regarding Nomenclature of Divisions of, and Public Places in, the Canberra City District, together with Plan.
 3. TRANSPORT WORKERS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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 a later hour this day.
 4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of the Session.
Question—put and passed.
 5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL (1928).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 165.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914–1922’, and for other purposes* ”, to which it has agreed with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
The Senate,
Canberra, 21st September, 1928.
JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.
- Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.
6. TRANSPORT WORKERS BILL.—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.

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Debate continued.

Member named.—The Deputy-Speaker (Mr. Bayley) named the honorable Member for Batman (Mr. Brennan) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having addressed the House, and Mr. Brennan having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parsons
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Manning

Noes, 12.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Coleman	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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.

Clause 3 debated.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendment was made:—

Line 11, after "Act" insert "but subject to the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1918* and the *Acts Interpretation Act 1904-1916*".

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
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Mr. Coleman	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Edward Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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.

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

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

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Anstey	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Killen	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham	Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Coleman	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nott	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page		
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill		
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parsons		
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Perkins		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter		
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1928-29.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

- Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £628,200"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department, £181,250"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"The Home and Territories Department, £320,500"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"The Department of Defence, £3,666,000"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Special Defence Provision to cover Developmental Programme, £1,000,000"—agreed to.
 Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £911,260"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"The Department of Works and Railways, £388,000"—agreed to.
 Vote—"The Department of Health, £156,300"—agreed to.
 Vote—"The Department of Markets, £90,000"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £376,944"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £800,000"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £1,500,000"—agreed to.
 Vote—"War Services payable out of Revenue, £1,221,310"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £636,015"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £10,449,670"—debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"North Australia, £100,544"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Central Australia, £23,848"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Federal Capital Territory, £38,020"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Papua, £52,088"—agreed to.
 Vote—"New Guinea, £10,000"—agreed to.
 Vote—"Norfolk Island, £4,000"—agreed to.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the following resolution be reported to the House:—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1928-29, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £22,992,927.

Part 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

	£
The Parliament	77,958
The Prime Minister's Department	361,020
The Department of the Treasury	628,200
The Attorney-General's Department	181,250
The Home and Territories Department	320,500
The Department of Defence	3,666,000
Special Defence Provision to Cover Developmental Programme	1,000,000
The Department of Trade and Customs	911,260
The Department of Works and Railways	388,000
The Department of Health	156,000
The Department of Markets	90,000
Miscellaneous Services	376,944
Refunds of Revenue	800,000
Advance to the Treasurer	1,500,000
War Services Payable out of Revenue.. .. .	1,221,310
Total Part 1	<u>11,678,742</u>

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Part 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.						£
Commonwealth Railways	636,015
Postmaster-General's Department	10,449,670
Total Part 2						11,085,685
Part 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.						
North Australia	..	..	..	..	..	100,544
Central Australia	..	..	..	..	..	23,848
Federal Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	38,020
Papua	..	..	..	..	..	52,088
New Guinea	..	..	..	..	..	10,000
Norfolk Island	..	..	..	..	..	4,000
Total Part 3						228,500
Total						22,992,927

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be 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.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1928-29.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES 1928-29.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1928-29, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £16,649,292.

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.

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.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL 1928-29.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*" 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.

12. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX BILL (1928).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved—

1. That a tax be imposed on income derived from sources in Australia at the following amounts and rates, namely :—

A.—Rate of Tax upon Income Derived from Personal Exertion.

For so much of the whole taxable income as does not exceed £7,600, the average rate of tax per pound sterling shall be Threepence and three eight-hundredths of one penny where the taxable income is One pound sterling, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of One pound sterling of the taxable income by three eight-hundredths of one penny.

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The average rate of tax per pound sterling for so much of the taxable income as does not exceed £7,600 may be calculated from the following formula :—

R = average rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.
I = taxable income in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left(3 + \frac{3}{800} I \right) \text{ pence.}$$

For every pound sterling of taxable income in excess of £7,600, the rate of tax shall be Sixty pence.

B.—Rate of Tax upon Income Derived from Property.

(a) For such part of the taxable income as does not exceed £546, the average rate of tax per pound sterling shall be that given by the following formula :—

R = average rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.
I = taxable income in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left(3 + \frac{I}{181.058} \right) \text{ pence.}$$

(b) For such part of the taxable income as exceeds £546 but does not exceed £2,000, the additional tax for each additional pound of taxable income above £546 shall increase continuously with the increase of the taxable income in a curve of the second degree in such a manner that the increase of tax for One pound increase of taxable income shall be—

11.713 pence for the pound sterling between	£545 10s. Od. and	£546 10s. Od.
12.768 pence for the pound sterling between	£599 10s. Od. and	£600 10s. Od.
14.672 pence for the pound sterling between	£699 10s. Od. and	£700 10s. Od.
16.512 pence for the pound sterling between	£799 10s. Od. and	£800 10s. Od.
18.288 pence for the pound sterling between	£899 10s. Od. and	£900 10s. Od.
20.000 pence for the pound sterling between	£999 10s. Od. and	£1,000 10s. Od.
27.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£1,499 10s. Od. and	£1,500 10s. Od.
33.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£1,999 10s. Od. and	£2,000 10s. Od.

(c) For such part of the taxable income as exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £6,500, the additional tax for each additional pound of taxable income above £2,000 shall increase continuously with the increase of the taxable income in a curve of the third degree in such a manner that the increase of tax for One pound increase of taxable income shall be—

33.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£1,999 10s. Od. and	£2,000 10s. Od.
40.000 pence for the pound sterling between	£2,499 10s. Od. and	£2,500 10s. Od.
45.300 pence for the pound sterling between	£2,999 10s. Od. and	£3,000 10s. Od.
49.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£3,499 10s. Od. and	£3,500 10s. Od.
53.000 pence for the pound sterling between	£3,999 10s. Od. and	£4,000 10s. Od.
55.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£4,499 10s. Od. and	£4,500 10s. Od.
57.500 pence for the pound sterling between	£4,999 10s. Od. and	£5,000 10s. Od.
58.800 pence for the pound sterling between	£5,499 10s. Od. and	£5,500 10s. Od.
59.600 pence for the pound sterling between	£5,999 10s. Od. and	£6,000 10s. Od.
60.000 pence for the pound sterling between	£6,499 10s. Od. and	£6,500 10s. Od.

(d) For every pound sterling of taxable income in excess of £6,500, the rate of tax shall be Sixty pence.

C.—Rates of Tax in respect of Taxable Income Derived Partly from Personal Exertion and Partly from Property.

(a) For every pound sterling of taxable income derived from personal exertion, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Subdivision A if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from personal exertion by the amount of the total taxable income.

(b) For every pound sterling of taxable income derived from property, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Subdivision B if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from property by the amount of the total taxable income.

D.—Additional Tax.

In addition to the tax payable under the preceding provisions, there shall be payable, in the case of incomes in respect of which the tax is calculated under Subdivision A, B or C, an additional tax equal to eight per centum of the amount of the tax so calculated.

E.—Tax payable where amount would otherwise be less than Ten shillings.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding provisions, where a person would, apart from this provision, be liable to pay income tax of an amount less than Ten shillings, the tax payable by that person shall be Ten shillings.

F.—Rate of Tax payable by a Trustee.

For every pound sterling of the taxable income in respect of which a trustee is liable to be separately assessed and to pay tax, the rate of tax shall be at the rate which would be payable under Subdivision A, B or C, as the case requires, if one individual were liable to be separately assessed and to pay tax on that taxable income.

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G.—*Rate of Tax payable by a Company.*

(a) Subject to the last preceding Subdivision, for every pound sterling of the taxable income of a company, the rate of tax shall be One shilling.

(b) For every pound sterling of interest paid or credited by the company to any person who is an absentee, in respect of debentures of the company, or on money lodged at interest with the company by such person, the rate of tax shall be One shilling.

2. That tax in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this resolution shall be levied and paid for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

3. That the foregoing provisions of this resolution shall also apply to all assessments of income tax for financial years subsequent to that beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight made prior to the passing of the Act for the levying and payment of income tax for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

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. 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. Bruce do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes*", and moved, That it now be 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.

13. BANKRUPTCY BILL (1928).—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.

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 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 7 agreed to.

Title 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.

Mr. Latham moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the Bill was read a third time.

14. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT RAILWAY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) 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,

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(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. Hill, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Hill moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.
 Question—put and passed.
 On the motion of Mr. Hill, the Bill was read a third time.

15. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1928).—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—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 Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, clause 4, after sub-section (5.) of proposed new section 6 insert the following new sub-section :—

“(5A.) If at any meeting of the Commission any Commissioner disagrees with any decision arrived at, he may request that a memorandum of the grounds of his objection be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the Commission, and thereupon the Chief Commissioner shall cause a memorandum to be so recorded, and a copy of that memorandum to be forwarded to the Minister within seven days after the date on which the meeting was held.”

On the motion of Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Home and Territories), the Amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

16. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1928).—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.
 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.
 Mr. Latham moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.
 Question—put and passed.
 On the motion of Mr. Latham, the Bill was read a third time.

17. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1928).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—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 3, clause 5, line 26, after “ amended ” insert “—(a) ”.

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 5, line 28, after “ domiciled ” insert “ ; and (b) by inserting at the end of sub-section (1.) the following paragraph :—

‘ (o) Income derived by a *bona fide* prospector from the sale, transfer or assignment by him of his rights to mine for gold in a particular area.

For the purpose of this paragraph “ *bonafide* prospector ” means a person who has personally carried out the whole or major part of the field work of prospecting for gold in the particular area and includes any person, other than a company, who has contributed to the expenditure incurred in the work of prospecting and development in that area.’ ”

No. 3.—Page 4, clause 7, line 20, leave out “ whose determination shall not be subject to objection.”

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.

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18. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL (1928).—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—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 Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 3, clause 5, lines 16–25, leave out paragraph (d), insert the following new paragraph:—
“(d) being the beneficial interest held by the deceased person, immediately prior to his death, in a joint tenancy or joint ownership with other persons; or”.

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

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

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

North Australia—Map No. 6 for attachment to the Initial Report of the North Australia Commission on Scheme for Development of North Australia. (*Original paper presented 29th March, 1928, and ordered to be printed 2nd May, 1928.*)

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Northern Australia Act—Ordinances of 1928—

Central Australia—

No. 19—Food and Drugs.

North Australia—

No. 21—Food and Drugs.

Suspension of Sitting.—At eight o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair until five o'clock p.m.
Resumption of Sitting.—At five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 119.

Bills intituled:—

“*Tasmanian Grant Act 1928*”

“*Loan Act (No. 2) 1928*”

“*Land Tax Assessment Act 1928*”

“*Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1928*”

“*Customs Tariff (No. 3) 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.

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Canberra, 22nd September, 1928.

Suspension of Sitting.—At five minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair until a quarter to seven o'clock p.m.

Resumption of Sitting.—At a quarter to seven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

[*Transport Workers Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 166.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Employment in relation to Trade and Commerce with other Countries and among the States*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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[*Income Tax Bill (1928)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 167.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

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JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

[*Appropriation Bill 1928-29*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 168.

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 the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd September, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

22. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Administrative Building, Canberra—Foundations—Interim Report by Committee of Experts. Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua Act—Ordinance of 1928—No. 5—Customs Tariff.

23. 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.

24. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of House of the Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at five minutes past seven 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. Atkinson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Forde, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marks, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

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

1926-27-28.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 22nd September, 1928 :—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 120.

A Bill intituled :—

Transport Workers 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 Act.

Government House,

Canberra, 24th September, 1928.

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 121.

A Bill intituled :—

Beer Excise 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 Act.

Government House,

Canberra, 25th September, 1928.

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 122.

Bills intituled :—

Bankruptcy Act 1928,

Seat of Government Railway Act 1928,

Commonwealth Public Service 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.

Government House,

Canberra, 26th September, 1928.

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 123.

Bills intituled :—

Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1928,

Tasmania Sinking Fund Agreement Act 1928,

Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1928,

Income Tax Act 1928,

Income Tax Assessment Act 1928,

Estate Duty Assessment Act 1928,

Appropriation Act 1928-29,

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.

Government House,

Canberra, 28th September, 1928.

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