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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 161.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. EARLE PAGE).—Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the Right Honorable Member for Cowper (Mr. Earle Page), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 59, 67, 68.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1931-32.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General. *Message No. 72.*
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 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 thirty-two.
Canberra, 20th June, 1931.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 12 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 13, Government Business.
6. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1931-32.

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1931-32 a sum not exceeding £2,409,780.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Theodore (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.
8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

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9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1931-32.

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1931-32, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £2,409,780.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath 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. Theodore, was adopted by the House.

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

11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1931-32.—Mr. Theodore (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 thirty-two,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Theodore 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. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

12. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT 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.

Mr. Curtin addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Mr. Curtin continued and concluded his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Riordan addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Mr. Beasley moved, That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Mr. Coleman 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past 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. Bayley, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hill, Mr. Latham, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Earle Page*, and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

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