THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 181.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1931.

- The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
- 2. STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—REFERENCE BY ONE HONORABLE MEMBER CONCERNING ANOTHER.—Mr. Thomas Paterson, by leave, made a Statement concerning a reference made during debate by the honorable Member for Maranoa (Mr. Hunter) concerning the honorable Member for Warringah (Mr. Parkhill).
- 3. Paper.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—War Pensions—Inquiry Committee constituted in accordance with Section 43 of the Financial Emergency Act, to recommend to the Government the manner by which savings in War Pensions can be made—Report (dated 29th July, 1931).

 Ordered to lie on the Table.
- 4. "HANSARD" -INSERTION OF MATTER NOT READ TO HOUSE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker made a Statement to the House concerning the conditions under which permission should, in his opinion, be given for the insertion in Hansard of matter not read to the House.
- 5. Messages from the Senate.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—-

[Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1931-32]-

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 133.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

President.

The Senate, Canberra, 4th August, 1931.

[South Australia Grant Bill (1931)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 134.

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 purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

The Senate,

Canberra, 5th August, 1931.

President.

[Western Australia Grant Bill (1931)]--

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 135.

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 purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

The Senate,

Canberra, 5th August, 1931.

President.

[Public Service Bill (1931)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 136.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend section fifty-five of the Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1930'," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

President.

The Senate, Canberra, 5th August, 1931.

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6. Message from the Governor-General.—Income Tax Bill (1931).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:

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Governor-General.

Message No. 89.

In accordance with section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives a proposed law intituled "An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes" and known as the Income Tax Act 1931, which has been presented to him for the King's assent, and transmits herewith the following amendments which he recommends to be made in the said proposed law.

Government House,

Canberra, 5th August, 1931.

AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED.

Page 3, First Schedule, omit "T" (second occurring), insert "6,900". 160

Page 3, Second Schedule, omit " $\frac{\text{T x 23}}{2,000}$ " (second occurring), insert " $\frac{3,700 \times 23}{2,000}$ ".

Ordered-That the foregoing Message be considered, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

" (In the Committee.)

Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Brennan, was adopted by the House.

7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION .--- Mr. Gibbons 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 installation of the bulk system of handling wheat throughout Australia ".

Mr. Speaker thercupon 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. Gibbons moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

8. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act-Regulations Amended -Statutory Rules 1931, No. 94. Financial Emergency Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 93.

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 91.

Maternity Allowance Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 92.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1931---

No. 4—Darwin Town Council. No. 5—Darwin Town Council (No. 2).

9. FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL (1931).—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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

The Schedule-

Mr. Latham moved, as an amendment, That clause 5 (page 5) of the agreement be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following clause in place thereof:-

"5. Moneys paid to the States under this Agreement shall be expended firstly in providing for the adequate and continuous maintenance in good repair and condition of all roads constructed or reconstructed in pursuance of the Principal Agreement, and secondly in completing, as far as the Minister may from time to time require, sections of roads construction or reconstruction of which has been commenced under the Principal Agreement but not completed, and thirdly in the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of any roads in country districts.

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put. The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 12.
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Makin	Mr. Hill
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Marks
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Marr
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Tully	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Ward	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frost		Mr. Price
Mr. Gibbons		
Mr. Albert Green	Tellers:	Tellers:
Mr. Jones	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. White

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule agreed to. Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see Page 796), the Bill was read a third time.

10. ADJOURNMENT-Motion WITHDRAWN.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

- 11. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

 Question—put and passed.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT.--Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) 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 eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mackay, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nairn, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Yates.

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