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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 201.

THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker (Mr. D. C. McGrath) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Geophysical Prospecting—Principles and Practice—Report of the Imperial Geophysical Experimental Survey, edited by A. B. Broughton Edge and T. H. Laby.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Eldridge 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 condition of unrest existing among the employees at Garden Island".
Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon 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. Eldridge moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1927-28, 1928-29 AND 1929-30.—The following Messages from the Deputy of the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

PHILIP GAME,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 96.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for each of the following years, namely, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Sydney,

14th October, 1931.

PHILIP GAME,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 97.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for each of the following years, namely, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Sydney,

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Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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5. DOMINION LEGISLATION—RATIFICATION OF REPORT OF CONFERENCE ON OPERATION OF DOMINION LEGISLATION—SUPPLEMENTARY RESOLUTION.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That—

WHEREAS on the twenty-eighth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one this House resolved that the Government of the Commonwealth be authorized to request and consent to the submission by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Parliament at Westminster of a Bill for a Statute containing the provisions set out in the Schedule to the Resolution, and the enactment of the said Statute :

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to supplement the said Resolution in the manner hereinafter appearing :

NOW THEREFORE this House resolves that the Government of the Commonwealth be authorized to request and consent to the inclusion in the said Statute of a clause as follows :—

“ Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to require the concurrence of the Parliament and Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in any law made by Parliament with respect to any matter within the authority of the States of Australia, not being a matter within the authority of the Parliament or Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, in any case where it would have been in accordance with the constitutional practice existing before the commencement of this Act that Parliament should make such law without such concurrence.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1931).—Mr. Cunningham (Assistant Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section twenty-five of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1931*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Cunningham then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Cunningham asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Cunningham moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the second reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.

Question—put.

The House proceeded to divide, but there being one Member only voting on the side of the Noes,

Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared the question to be resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

Mr. Cunningham moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Parkhill 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.

7. SUPPLY [“ GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Chifley (Minister for Defence) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided (The Deputy-Speaker, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Latham
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Long
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Culley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Killen	Mr. E. C. Riley

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Eldridge
Mr. James
<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Parkhill

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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8. CUSTOMS BILL (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to the clause :—
 “(b) by omitting from paragraph (g) the word ‘ proclamation ’ and inserting in its stead the words ‘ regulation made under the Act ’”.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gullett addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. James moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Bell	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Jones
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Coleman	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Hill		Mr. Culley	Mr. Rowe
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Killen	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Latham	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tully
Mr. Marks		Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Keane
		Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Edward Riley
		Mr. Albert Green	

And so it was negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 17 agreed to.

Proposed new clauses—

Mr. Gregory moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

13A. Section two hundred and twenty-six of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following words thereto :—“ or until ninety days after such tariff or tariff alteration has been proposed, whichever period is the shorter.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new clause be inserted in the Bill—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Jones
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Keane
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Coleman	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White	Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Killen		Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Marks	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore
		Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Frost	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Tully
		Mr. Holloway	
		Mr. James	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Donald Cameron moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

8A. Section one hundred and thirty-two of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following proviso :—

“ Provided that goods imported on any vessel shall, upon entry for home consumption at any port after the first port of call in Australia, be dutiable at all ports at the rates of duty in force on the date the vessel carrying the goods first reported at an Australian port of call ”.

Debate ensued.

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Proposed new clause negatived.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Forde, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Forde asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.
 Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) 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. Forde, the Bill was read a third time.

9. WINE EXCISE 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. Gabb addressing the House—
Closure moved.—Mr. Edward Riley moved, That the question be now put.
 Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.
 Debate continued.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 5—
 On the motion of Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs), after debate, the following amendment was made :—
 Page 2, line 22, after “ wine ” insert “ and any beverage prepared in a winery of which beverage wine forms a part ”.
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Clause 6 agreed to.
 Clause 7—
 Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That the word “ Twenty ” (page 2, line 39) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word “ Ten ” in place thereof.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
 The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Keane, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. White
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 3.

Mr. Fenton
Tellers:
 Mr. Gabb
 Mr. James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
 Clause agreed to.
 Clause 8 agreed to.
 Clause 9 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 10 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 11 to 23 agreed to.
 Clause 24 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 25 to 29 agreed to.
 Clause 30 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 31 to 61 agreed to.
 Clause 62 debated and agreed to.

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Clauses 63 to 66 agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Keane reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Forde, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6, Government Business.
11. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL (No. 2) (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. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
The Schedule—
On the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), the following amendments were made :—
Page 2, after the words " Agreement made the " (first occurring) insert " twenty-second ".
Page 2, after the words " day of " (first occurring) insert " October ".
Page 3, opposite the following words :—
" Signed by the Premier of the State of }
Western Australia for and on behalf }
of the said State in the presence }
of—"
insert " JAMES MITCHELL ", and below the same words,
insert " L. E. SHAPCOTT, J.P. ".
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Keane reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Theodore, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. COMMONWEALTH DEBT CONVERSION BILL (No. 2) (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
New clause—
On the motion of Mr. Theodore, after debate, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—
5.—(1.) The National Debt Commission, if it thinks fit, may purchase new securities at a price in excess of the market price, not being above par, with a view to preventing undue hardship, arising out of conversion under the *Commonwealth Debt Conversion Act 1931* or this Act, to persons beneficially interested in the securities. Power of National Debt Commission to purchase new securities.
(2.) This section shall not be construed as limiting in any way the powers of the National Debt Commission under the *National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1930*.
Preamble—
On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the Preamble was amended by inserting before " day " (page 1, line 9) the word " twenty-second ".
Preamble, as amended, agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Keane reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Theodore, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this sitting, in order to allow further new business to be taken.
Question—put and passed.

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14. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1927-28, 1928-29 AND 1929-30.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1927-28.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1927-28, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

<i>Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>		£
I. The Parliament .. .. .	.. .. .	4,578
II. The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	.. .. .	33,630
III. The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	.. .. .	56,478
IV. The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	.. .. .	14,908
V. The Home and Territories Department .. .. .	.. .. .	4,934
VI. The Department of Defence .. .. .	.. .. .	10,770
VII. The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	.. .. .	31,941
VIII. The Department of Works and Railways .. .. .	.. .. .	30,186
IX. The Department of Health .. .. .	.. .. .	2,372
X. The Department of Markets .. .. .	.. .. .	5,385
XI. Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	.. .. .	99,803
XII. War Services .. .. .	.. .. .	18,928
Total Part I.		313,913
<i>Part II.—Business Undertakings.</i>		
I. Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	.. .. .	23,819
II. Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	.. .. .	294,748
Total Part II.		318,567
<i>Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>		
North Australia and Central Australia .. .. .	.. .. .	2,657
Federal Capital Territory .. .. .	.. .. .	9,636
Papua .. .. .	.. .. .	1,562
New Guinea .. .. .	.. .. .	1,634
Total Part III.		15,489
Total		647,969

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Theodore moved—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1928-29.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1928-29, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

<i>Part I.—Departments and Services other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>		£
I. The Parliament .. .. .	.. .. .	1,362
II. The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	.. .. .	19,695
III. The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	.. .. .	11,288
IV. The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	.. .. .	4,571
V. The Department of Home Affairs .. .. .	.. .. .	2,375
VI. The Department of Defence .. .. .	.. .. .	14,601
VII. The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	.. .. .	12,612
VIII. The Department of Works .. .. .	.. .. .	12,601
IX. The Department of Health .. .. .	.. .. .	862
X. The Department of Markets and Transport .. .. .	.. .. .	5,613
XI. Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	.. .. .	85,010
XII. War Services .. .. .	.. .. .	61,470
Total Part I.		232,060
<i>Part II.—Business Undertakings.</i>		
I. Commonwealth Railways	18,835
II. Postmaster-General's Department	30,612
Total Part II.		49,447

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<i>Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>							£
North Australia	1,102
Central Australia	4,501
Federal Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,227
Total Part III.							6,830
Total							288,337

Mr. Eldridge moved, as an amendment, That the total amount be reduced by £1,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Keane, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 3.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Eldridge		Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
		Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
<i>Tellers:</i>		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Beasley		Mr. Chifley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. James		Mr. Coleman	Mr. McNeill
		Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parker Moloney
		Mr. Crouch	Mr. Nairn
		Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Cusack	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Theodore
		Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tully
		Mr. Gibbons	Mr. White
		Mr. Albert Green	
		Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	
		Mr. Jones	Mr. Bayley
		Mr. Latham	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr. Theodore moved—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1929-30.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1929-30, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

<i>Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>							£
I. The Parliament	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,921
II. The Prime Minister's Department	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,635
III. The Department of the Treasury	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,536
IV. The Attorney-General's Department	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,656
V. The Department of Home Affairs	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,459
VI. The Department of Defence	..	..	..	..	..	..	45,110
VII. The Department of Trade and Customs	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,546
VIII. The Department of Works	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,846
IX. The Department of Health	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,410
X. The Department of Markets and Transport	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,556
XI. Miscellaneous Services	..	..	..	..	..	..	301,181
XII. War Services	..	..	..	..	..	..	218,469
Total Part I.							617,325
<i>Part II.—Business Undertakings.</i>							
I. Commonwealth Railways	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,282
II. Postmaster-General's Department	..	..	..	..	..	..	36,483
Total Part II.							54,765
<i>Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>							
North Australia	..	..	..	..	..	..	376
Federal Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	..	74,181
Total Part III.							74,557
Total							746,647

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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Mr. Theodore moved the following three motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1927-28.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1927-28, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £6,115.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1928-29.

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 further sum not exceeding £32,149.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929-30.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1929-30, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £25,470.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Keane reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. 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.

16. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), were adopted by the House.

17. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1927-28, 1928-29 and 1929-30.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved the following six motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1927-28.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1927-28, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £647,969.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1928-29.

That, towards making good the further 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 £288,337.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1929-30.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1929-30, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £746,647.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1927-28.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1927-28, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £6,115.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1928-29.

That, towards making good the further 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 £32,149.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929-30.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1929-30, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £25,470.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Keane reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Theodore and Mr. Scullin do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

18. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1927-30.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate further sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of each of the following years, namely, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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Mr. Theodore moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-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. Keane reported accordingly.

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

19. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1927-30.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate further sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of each of the following years, namely, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" 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. Deputy-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. Keane reported accordingly.

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

20. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Lacey*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marr, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Price, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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