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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 137.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH MAY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE—PROCEDURE IN CASES OF.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Joint Select Committee on Procedure in Cases of Privilege; together with the Minutes of Evidence to date, and Appendices.
Ordered, after debate, to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
3. COST AND REVENUE UNDER STATE AND COMMONWEALTH OF TRANSFERRED SERVICES, ETC.—Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
 - (a) The cost to each State, in the year prior to Federation, of each of the services since transferred to the Commonwealth.
 - (b) The revenue, if any, derived by each State from each of such services in the same year.
 - (c) The present annual cost to each State of each of the services which are yet to be transferred to the Commonwealth.
 - (d) The present annual revenue, if any, derived by each State from each of such services not yet transferred.

Where, in the accounts of a State, the income or expenditure of a transferred or transferable service has not been separated from that of other services, an approximate estimate to be furnished.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE RECEIVED AND NUMBER AND SALARIES, ETC., OF OFFICERS.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
 - (1) The revenue received from duties of Customs and Excise for each State annually since the passing of the first Commonwealth Tariff Act, including the amount received for the first quarter of the current year.
 - (2) Total amount of salaries paid in each State in respect of the collection of duties for that State.
 - (3) Total number of officers in each State employed by the Department, and how classified.
 - (4) The number and classification of officers, and salaries paid to each, employed in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Fremantle, Hobart, and Launceston.
 - (5) Salaries paid in connexion with the central administration common to the whole of the Commonwealth. Such salaries not to be included in the returns relating separately to each State.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. SURPLUS REVENUE 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—and on the following amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Joseph Cook:—That all the words after the word “That” be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—“the consideration of this Bill be postponed until the financial relations of the Commonwealth and the States can be dealt with as a whole”——

Debate resumed——

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1907).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 30.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*,” and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate does not further press Requests Nos. 40 (as to part), 62, 74 (as to part), 75, 86, 88 (as to part), 91 (as to part), 92 (as to part), 94, 95, 111 (as to part), 118, 141, 154, and 162 (as to part), with which the House of Representatives has not complied, and has agreed to the modifications of the House of Representatives in regard to Requests Nos. 34, 37, 46, 90, 91, 93, 130, 145, and 229.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith as amended by the House of Representatives at the request of the Senate.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 29th May, 1908.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXCISE TARIFF BILL (1907).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 31.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Excise*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

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8. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—The debate (interrupted as above) was resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, and on the following amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Joseph Cook:—That all the words after the word “That” be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—“the consideration of this Bill be postponed until the financial relations of the Commonwealth and the States can be dealt with as a whole.”

Mr. Atkinson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1907-8.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 29th May, 1908.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION BILL 1905-6 AND 1906-7.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven*,” to which it has agreed without request.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 29th May, 1908.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1905-6 AND 1906-7.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
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12. ADDITIONAL DAY OF MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at a quarter past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hall, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.