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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH MAY, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1920).—Mr. Groom, pursuant to leave given on the 28th ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'High Court Procedure Act 1915' and for other purposes,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (MR. CHANTER).—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That leave of absence for three months be given to the Chairman of Committees, the honorable Member for Riverina (Mr. Chanter), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Blundell 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 establishment of a War Service Homes Department in the State of South Australia."
Mr. 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. Blundell moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Industrial Troubles on Melbourne Wharves—Report of Royal Commission (Mr. Geo. J. Dethridge).
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at Parramatta, New South Wales.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1 (General Business) be postponed until Thursday, 22nd July next, that Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 15th July next, and that Notice of Motion No. 3 be postponed until Thursday, 5th August next.

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7. ANZAC HOMES.—Mr. W. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that—

- (1) Every returned soldier, sailor, or nurse, who has fought in the fighting line, and who is married, or about to be married, or the widows of those who paid the supreme sacrifice of death, shall be entitled to the use of a house for a rental of 1s. per month during the lifetime of such husbands or wives, or, in the case of their death, leaving children, until the youngest child shall reach 16 years of age.
- (2) Such Anzac welcome homes shall be built, where possible, in healthy garden suburbs where high position, healthy surroundings, and cheap, reasonably priced land can be obtained, and, where needed (and electricity is obtainable), tram lines shall be laid down.
- (3) In order to prevent exploitation, the Commonwealth Government shall enact that compulsory purchase shall be made law on the basis of the land tax valuation of the State and Commonwealth, or either of them, with costs for disturbance to the owners.
- (4) On the death of a husband and wife, without leaving children, or where orphans are left, on the youngest reaching sixteen years, such Anzac home shall be let or sold, and the assets used to liquidate the Anzac Home Advance Fund.
- (5) All Anzac homes shall be of varied standardized plans, varying in size, according to the number of children.
- (6) In order to finance the Anzac homes, the Federal Government be empowered to issue notes similar to the Guernsey Island Market Currency Notes, and ear-marked as the Anzac Homes Currency Notes, guaranteed by the Commonwealth Government, by the value of the land and houses, and also by the increased future value known as the unearned increment. These notes to be issued and legalized as currency without interest, and issued as required, and when any assets are returned by rents or sales, &c., the value of such assets shall be cancelled in Anzac Home Currency Notes of equal value in order that in the course of time, assisted by the yearly contribution of State and Commonwealth Governments, the whole issue will be destroyed—the homes remaining as a permanent asset.

Mr. W. Maloney not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 24th June next.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 5 be postponed until 12th August next.

9. CONSTITUTION—CONVENTION *RE* AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Austin Chapman:—

- (1) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that as early as practicable a Constitutional Convention should be summoned for the purpose of considering the need, substance, and form of any amendment of section 51 of the Constitution, and that such Convention shall—
 - (a) consist of ten (10) representatives of each State, elected on the existing Federal franchise, according to the principle of proportional representation;
 - (b) hold meetings at such times and places as it may think fit;
 - (c) submit within twelve months to the Governor-General the draft of any amendments adopted by such Convention.
- (2) That any such amendments so adopted shall be a proposed law for the alteration of the Constitution, and shall be dealt with in accordance with section 128 of the Constitution for passage by Parliament and submission to the electors.
- (3) That an Enabling Bill to give effect to the foregoing should be introduced to Parliament as early as practicable—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Kerby moved, as an amendment, That the motion be amended as follows:—

Paragraph (1), lines 1 and 2 of paragraph, omit the words “a Constitutional Convention should be summoned” and insert in place thereof the words “legislative provision should be made for the summoning of a Convention”.

Paragraph (1), line 3 of paragraph, omit the words “of section 51”.

Paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (a), omit all the words of the sub-paragraph except “(a) consist of” and insert in place thereof “an equal number of representatives of each State”.

Paragraph (3), omit the paragraph.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment:—

That all the words after the word “practicable” (in line 1 of the motion) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—“a referendum to alter the Commonwealth Constitution be held to provide full sovereign power under its constitution, and to empower the Commonwealth Parliament to create any number of Provincial Legislatures as may be necessary for the good local government of the people”.

Debate continued.

Mr. Jowett addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

10. OIL AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Tudor 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 Tuesday next.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.
12. SUPPLY [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1917-18 AND 1918-19].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Ordered—That the Supplementary Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., 1917-18 be considered as a whole.
Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, after debate—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1917-18.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1917-18 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

| | Payable out of Revenue. | Payable out of Trust and Loan Funds. | Total. |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| THE PARLIAMENT | 1,761 | .. | 1,761 |
| THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT | 63,608 | .. | 63,608 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY | 158,523 | .. | .. |
| Refunds of Revenue | 41,793 | .. | .. |
| | 200,316 | .. | 200,316 |
| THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT | 6,314 | .. | 6,314 |
| THE HOME AND TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT | 40,982 | .. | 40,982 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—MILITARY | 4,156 | .. | .. |
| Woollen Cloth Factory—Pay | .. | 100 | .. |
| | 4,156 | 100 | 4,256 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY | 14,758 | .. | .. |
| Permanent Force (Sea-going)—Pay | .. | 57,588 | .. |
| Citizen Naval Forces (Royal Australian Naval Brigade)—Pay | .. | 82,395 | .. |
| | 14,758 | 139,983 | 154,741 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS | 17,779 | .. | 17,779 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS | 21,363 | .. | 21,363 |
| THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT | 24,547 | .. | 24,547 |
| WAR SERVICES | 206,398 | .. | 206,398 |
| TOTAL | 601,982 | 140,083 | 742,065 |

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1917-18.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1917-18, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £2,088.

Ordered—That the Supplementary Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., 1918-19 be considered as a whole.

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Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, after debate—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1918-19.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1918-19, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

| | Payable out of Revenue. | Payable out of Trust and Loan Funds. | Total. |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| THE PARLIAMENT | 1,769 | .. | 1,769 |
| THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT | 42,041 | .. | 42,041 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY | 101,223 | .. | .. |
| Refunds of Revenue | 143,242 | .. | .. |
| | 244,465 | .. | 244,465 |
| THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT | 7,249 | .. | 7,249 |
| THE HOME AND TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT | 31,564 | .. | 31,564 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—MILITARY | 20,753 | .. | 20,753 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY | 60,885 | .. | .. |
| Permanent Force (Sea-going)—Pay | .. | 53,600 | .. |
| Naval Establishments—Contingencies | .. | 7,900 | .. |
| Wireless Workshops | .. | 32 | .. |
| | 60,885 | 61,532 | 122,417 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS | 133,258 | .. | 133,258 |
| THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS | 28,297 | .. | 28,297 |
| THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT | 55,120 | .. | 55,120 |
| WAR SERVICES | 329,663 | .. | 329,663 |
| TOTAL | 955,064 | 61,532 | 1,016,596 |

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1918-19.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1918-19 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £44,434.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Poynton 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.
14. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, were adopted by the House.
15. WAYS AND MEANS [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1917-18 and 1918-19].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1917-18.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, after debate—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1917-18, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £742,065.

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1917-18.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Poynton—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1917-18, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £2,088.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1918-19.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Poynton—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1918-19 there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,016,596.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1918-19.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Poynton—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1918-19, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £44,434.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

16. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1917-18.—Mr. Poynton then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Poynton 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 agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

17. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1917-18.—Mr. Poynton also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen 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. Poynton 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 agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

18. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1918-19.—Mr. Poynton also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Poynton 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 agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

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19. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1918-19.—Mr. Poynton also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen 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. Poynton 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 agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Poynton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past ten 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. Bowden, Mr. Chanter*, Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Greene, Mr. Hay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Makin, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives