

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 171.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 30th June, 1921; together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 56.

A Bill intituled "*Supply Act (No. 2) 1921-22*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Sydney, 26th July, 1921.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TARIFF BOARD BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 88.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Tariff Board*", to which it has agreed with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd August, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL (1921).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 89.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917'*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st September, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 57.

A Bill intituled "*Shale Oil Bounty Act 1921*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 2nd September, 1921.

29th September, 1921.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1921).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 90.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd September, 1921, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF BILL (1921).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 91.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Excise*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd September, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. STEWART).—Mr. Earle Page moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Wimmera (Mr. Stewart), on the ground of ill-health.

Question—put and passed.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital Advisory Committee—Construction of Canberra—First General Report.
International Postal Congress, held at Madrid, 1920—Report by Mr. Justinian Oxenham,
Commissioner representing the Commonwealth.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

International Labour Conference—Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by, during—
First Session held at Washington, 1919.
Second Session held at Genoa, 1920.

Nauru—Mandate for. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)

Treaty of Versailles of 28th June, 1919—Protocol modifying Annex II. to Part VIII. of the; signed at London, 5th May, 1921. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)

Royal Australian Naval College—Report for 1920.

Russia—Correspondence from the Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly in regard to an Appeal which is being issued to all Parliaments in regard to the release of prisoners of war and hostages illegally detained in Russia.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 4 of 1921—In the matter of the Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.

No. 5 of 1921—In the matter of the Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.

Audit Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 141.

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1920-21—

Dated 3rd August, 1921.

Dated 21st September, 1921.

Australian Imperial Force Canteens' Funds Act—Statement of Income and Expenditure to 31st May, 1921, together with Auditor-General' Report.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 172.

Defence—Australian Military Forces—Report of the Inspector-General (Lieut.-General Sir H. G. Chauvel, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.), 31st May, 1921.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 129, 131, 133-8, 143-8, 154-7, 160-7, 169-70, 173-6, 178.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 149.

High Court Procedure Act—Rules of Court—

Dated 9th August, 1921.

Dated 17th August, 1921.

Dated 29th August, 1921.

Statutory Rules 1921, No. 158.

29th September, 1921.

PAPERS—continued.

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1920–21.

Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 142.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—

Bellata, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Broadmeadows, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Derby, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Randwick, New South Wales—For Repatriation purposes.

Tuggeranong, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

New Guinea Act— Ordinances of 1921—

No. 9— Expropriation (No. 2).

No. 10—Supply (No. 1), 1921–22.

No. 11—Quarantine.

No. 12— Expropriation (No. 3).

Norfolk Island— Ordinances of 1921—

No. 3— Interpretation.

No. 4— Public School.

Northern Territory—Ordinances of 1921—

No. 8— Interpretation.

No. 9—Darwin Town Council (No. 3).

Papua—Ordinances of 1921—

No. 1— Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2), 1920–21.

No. 2— Native Labour.

No. 3— Timber.

No. 4— Sago.

No. 6— Supplementary Appropriation (No. 3), 1920–21.

No. 7— Superannuation.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 120, 121, 126, 130, 139, 150, 151, 159.

Public Service Act—

Appointments, Promotions, &c.—

G. Anderson, Department of Health.

C. L. Biggs, Department of Health.

A. P. Buckerfield, F. Goss, T. B. Harris, Postmaster-General's Department.

J. N. Dennis, Department of the Treasury.

W. M. Green, W. S. Gaskell, J. F. Marren, C. C. Werfel, J. H. Sampson, E. A. McLean, D. B. Crisp, D. E. Allbright, W. A. K. McKee, A. R. Foster, Department of the Treasury.

C. Huist, C. E. Moylan, A. W. Munro, J. H. Buckle, Department of the Treasury.

L. S. Klingender, Department of the Treasury.

W. Luke, Prime Minister's Department.

J. G. McMillan, Department of Trade and Customs.

H. E. Neal and R. B. Curd, Department of Trade and Customs.

A. I. Oakes and H. B. Sturtevant, Department of Works and Railways.

D. A. Primer, Prime Minister's Department.

J. V. Ratchiffe, Department of the Treasury.

R. E. Rickards, Attorney-General's Department.

C. P. Wilson, Postmaster-General's Department.

E. F. Youngman, Department of Trade and Customs.

Representation Act—

Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Numbers of the People of the Commonwealth and of the several States as at 4th April, 1921.

Determination, made by the Chief Electoral Officer, of the Representation of the States in the House of Representatives, dated 24th August, 1921.

Shale Oil Bounty Act—Return for 1920–21.

Trading with the Enemy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 181.

Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 180.

War Service Homes Act—

Land acquired under, in—

New South Wales, at—Albury, Alexandria, Armidale, Balgownie, Carlingford, Cessnock, East Maitland, Fairy Meadow, Goulburn, Goulburn (South), Granville, Lidcombe, Mayfield, Mayfield East, Paddington, Rozelle, Singleton, Tamworth, Wallsend, Waratah (2), Waterloo, Wauchope, Waverley, Wentworthville, West Maitland, Weston (2), Willoughby.

Victoria, at—Bendigo (2).

Partial revocation of notification of acquisition of Land at Waratah, New South Wales.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 127.

29th September, 1921.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1921-22.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 58.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 29th September, 1921.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 59.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 29th September, 1921.

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

12. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1921-22].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Joseph Cook, having delivered the Budget Speech, moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President	£1,100
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be agreed to.

Question—proposed.

Ordered, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1921-22.

Vote—"The Parliament £1,986" debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Treasury £2,405" agreed to.

Vote—"The Home and Territories Department £42,432" agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Defence—Military £1,134,251."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Charlton moved, That the vote be reduced by £500,000.

Debate continued.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the Votes "The Department of Defence—Military", "The Department of the Navy", and "Departments of Navy and Defence—Air Services" be postponed until after the consideration of the other Votes for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

13. PAPER.—Sir Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :—

The Budget, 1921-22—Papers presented by the Right Honorable Sir Joseph Cook, P.C., G.C.M.G., M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1921-22.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen 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. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Livingston, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Stewart*, and Mr. Tudor.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.