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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WOOL EXPORT ("BAWRA") REGULATIONS.**—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the Regulations which were made in May last under which the export of Wool from Australia was regulated.
3. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—NEW GUINEA PLANTATIONS.**—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the (late German) New Guinea Plantations.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Papua—Oilfields in—Reports on operations of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company during August and September, 1921.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—
List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service as on 30th June, 1921.
Promotions of—
A. Fletcher, Department of the Treasury.
R. D. Patterson, E. E. Williams, D. C. Collins, R. A. Love, R. H. Francis, L. P. Dunn,
W. C. Connors, H. J. Watt, R. E. Carew, C. G. Swan, Department of the Treasury.
5. **WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Mr. Anstey withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name with reference to the Public Service Arbitrator's Determination, No. 10 of 1921.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
7. **CONSTITUTION CONVENTION BILL.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for a National Convention for the purpose of the Revision of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, for laying the proposals of the Convention before the Parliament, and for other purposes in connexion therewith.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. **SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1921-22.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

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

Vote—"Departments of Navy and Defence—Air Services £400,000"—
Debate resumed.

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Mr. Charlton moved, That the Vote be reduced by £200,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Considine	Mr. West	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Fenton		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hay	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Sir Granville Ryrie moved, That the Vote be reduced by £100,000.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That after the total £400,000 (page 377) the following be added :—

“Less further amount estimated to remain unexpended at close of the year, £100,000.

Revised Total AIR SERVICES ... £300,000.”

Vote, as so reduced, agreed to.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom—That the following Resolution be reported to the House :—

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1921–22, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £2,518,411.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Groom 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.
10. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Groom, was adopted by the House.
11. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, &c., 1921–22.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. for the year 1921–22, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £2,518,411.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Groom, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Groom and Mr. Greene do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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12. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1921-22.—Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled “*A 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 twenty-two for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Groom 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. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

13. LOAN APPROPRIATION BILL. [£8,370,406].—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 64—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Issue and Application of the sum of Eight million three hundred and seventy thousand four hundred and six pounds. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Groom 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Groom, was adopted by the House.

Ordered That Mr. Groom and Mr. Greene do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Debate ensued.

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.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 postponed until after the consideration of the Schedule.

Schedule—

Vote—“Under Control of Prime Minister's Department—£249,008”

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.

14. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 213.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bell, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, and Mr. Tudor.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.