

1920-21.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 202.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua—Ordinance of 1921—No. 9—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 4) 1920-1921
3. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1921).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Hughes, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections fourteen and eighteen A of the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904-1920.
Question—put and passed.
4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1921).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Hughes, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1915-1918.
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES, 1921-22.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1921-22.

Statement by the Temporary Chairman—

The Temporary Chairman informed the Committee that, in connexion with the proceedings of last evening, the Chairman proposed, with the consent of the Committee, in order to make the total correct in Division No. 70, the amount of which had been reduced by £70,000, to adopt the same course as had been followed in regard to the Works Estimates when reductions were made, namely, to insert the following after the original total of the Division:—

“Less amount estimated to remain unexpended at the close of the year, £70,000”,

and then the reduced total would be inserted.

Ordered—That the consideration of the intervening Votes be postponed until after the consideration of Divisions Nos. 156, 157, and 158 under the Vote—“War Services Payable out of Revenue”, viz.:—“Under control of the Department of Repatriation”.

Division No. 156—“Repatriation Commission £2,529,429”—

Mr. Rodgers, addressing the Committee, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech, which leave was given three times.

Mr. Charlton, addressing the Committee, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.

Mr. Earle Page, addressing the Committee, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech, which leave was given twice.

Progress 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.

6. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Hughes raised a question of Privilege as to the advisability of the House allowing the Minister for Repatriation (Senator E. D. Millen) to appear either on the floor of the House or at the Bar for the purpose of making a statement in regard to the Estimates of Expenditure of the Department of Repatriation.

And other honorable Members having addressed themselves to the question raised, but no motion being submitted—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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7. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES, 1921-22.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Division No. 156—"Repatriation Commission, £2,529,429"—

Debate continued.

Mr. McGrath moved, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins
Mr. McGrath	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Donald Cameron	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Corser	Mr. Watt
Mr. Foley	Mr. Wise
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Hay	Mr. Story
Mr. Higgs	

And so it was negatived.

Debate on the Division continued.

Division agreed to.

Division No. 157 agreed to.

Division No. 158—"War Service Homes Commission, £100,000"—

Mr. Wienholt moved, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Fleming	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Stewart
Mr. McWilliams	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Bell	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Bowden	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Corser	Mr. Watt
Mr. Foley	Mr. Wise
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Hay	Mr. Story
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Lister	

And so it was negatived.

Division agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Navy, £2,340,438"—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watt moved, That the amount be reduced by £200,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Watt	Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wienholt	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Hill		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Donald Cameron	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Foley	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story
		Mr. Jackson	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the amount be reduced by £50,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Watt	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wienholt	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gregory		Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—"The Departments of Navy and Defence (Air Services), £100,000"—

Mr. Charlton moved, That the amount be reduced by £71,406.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £745,357"—

Mr. Higgs moved, That the first item—"Comptroller-General, £1,400"—be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after twelve o'clock midnight—

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Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Debate on Vote ensued.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the amount be reduced by £25,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Watt	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wienholt	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Gregory		Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Earle Page	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Prowse		Mr. Charlton	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Foley	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hay	Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Higgs moved, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Works and Railways, £810,911"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Postmaster-General's Department, £7,455,533"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Health, £108,568"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"War Services Payable out of Revenue [inclusive of Divisions Nos. 156, 157, and 158 already agreed to], £8,969,513"—agreed to.

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

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1921–22, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £27,391,035.

	Payable out of Revenue.	Payable out of Loan Funds, Trust Fund, and other special Funds.	Total.
	£	£	£
THE PARLIAMENT	58,096	...	58,096
THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT—	416,798		
Commonwealth Shipbuilding ... ..	...	24,253	
Commonwealth Government Line of Steamers ... ..	...	46,200	
Port Pirie Wharf ... ..	...	1,291	
Cockatoo Island Dockyard ... ..	...	30,000	
	416,798	101,744	518,542
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—	1,207,280		
Australian Note, Bond, and Stamp Printing Office ... ..	...	6,376	
Refunds of Revenue	750,000	...	
Advance to the Treasurer	1,500,000	..	
	3,457,280	6,376	3,463,656
THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT	108,000	...	108,000
THE HOME AND TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT—	771,788		
Northern Territory—Hotels ... ..	...	2,353	
	771,788	2,353	774,141
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—MILITARY	1,623,000	...	1,623,000
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY	2,340,438	...	2,340,438
THE DEPARTMENTS OF NAVY AND DEFENCE (AIR SERVICES)	100,000	...	100,000
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS	745,357	...	745,357
THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS—	810,911		
Naval Works Staff—Salaries ... ..	...	27,251	
	810,911	27,251	838,162
THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT	7,455,533	...	7,455,533
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—	108,568		
Serum Laboratories—Salaries ... ..	...	8,600	
	108,568	8,600	117,168
WAR SERVICES PAYABLE OUT OF REVENUE—	8,969,513		
Repatriation Commission—Salaries ... ..	...	279,429	
	8,969,513	279,429	9,248,942
Total	26,965,282	425,753	27,391,035

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Resolution be now recommitted to the Committee of Supply for the reconsideration of the Vote—“Department of the Treasury, £3,463,656”.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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(On recommitment—

Vote—“The Department of the Treasury, £3,463,656”—
Mr. Earle Page moved, That the amount be reduced by £100,000.
Question—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.		Noes, 23	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Fleming		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Bell	Mr. Charlton	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Foley	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hay	Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story
		Mr. Jackson	

And so it was negatived.
Resolution to be further reported without amendment, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. 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.
9. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Groom, was adopted by the House.
10. WAYS AND MEANS [ESTIMATES, 1921-22].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1921-22.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1921-22, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £15,030,765.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, 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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11. APPROPRIATION BILL 1921-22.—Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*" 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. Deputy-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. Groom, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next, at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

13. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1921).—Mr. Groom (for Mr. Hughes), pursuant to leave given earlier in the sitting, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend sections fourteen and eighteen A of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1920,*" 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 Monday next.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to six o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marr, Mr. Nicholls, and Mr. Tudor.

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