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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 207.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Remodelling and Additions, General Post Office, Sydney.
Ordered—That the Paper be printed.
3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 186, 187.
6. APPROPRIATION BILL 1921-22—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF CERTAIN REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

No. 1.—Page 5, Second Schedule—Division No. 1, Subdivision No. 1.—

Item "Special Messenger, in charge of Stores and Stamping Correspondence—£250"—

Leave out "£250", insert "£275".

No. 2.—Page 6, Second Schedule—Division No. 2, Subdivision No. 1.—

Item "Clerk of the House of Representatives—£1,250"—

Leave out "£1,250", insert "£1,000".

Requested Amendment No. 1, after debate, not made.

Requested Amendment No. 2 not made.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate accordingly.

7. WIRELESS COMMUNICATION—AGREEMENT WITH AMALGAMATED WIRELESS (AUSTRALASIA) LIMITED.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes—That this House approves of the execution by the Prime Minister of the Agreement proposed to be made between the Commonwealth and Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Limited, a draft of which has been laid upon the Table of the House—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz.:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words—"the whole question of wireless be referred to a Committee of this House for investigation and report"—

Debate resumed.

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Mr. Groom 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 a later hour this day.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Wireless Service—Draft Agreement between the Commonwealth and Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Limited with reference to the establishment of a Wireless Service between Australia and the United Kingdom, and in Australia, &c. (*in substitution for Paper presented on 7th instant*).

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

9. WIRELESS COMMUNICATION—AGREEMENT WITH AMALGAMATED WIRELESS (AUSTRALASIA) LIMITED.—

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes—That this House approves of the execution by the Prime Minister of the Agreement proposed to be made between the Commonwealth and Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Limited, a draft of which has been laid upon the Table of the House—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz :—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words—"the whole question of wireless be referred to a Committee of this House for investigation and report"—

Question—that the words proposed be omitted stand part of the Motion—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Marr
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

Noes, 26.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Considine	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Anstey
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hughes moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—

"subject to investigation and approval, with such alterations as they may deem necessary, by a Committee consisting of six Members of this House (two nominated by the Prime Minister, two by the Leader of the Opposition, and two by the Leader of the Country Party) and three Members of the Senate."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Higgs
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Marr
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story

Noes, 28.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Considine	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Motion, as amended, agreed to.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Public Works Committee Bill (1921)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 114.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend Section fifteen of the ‘ Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1914 ’*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th September, 1921, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*War Precautions (Coal) Bill (1921)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 115.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend Section three of the ‘ War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1920 ’*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Electoral Bill (1921)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 116.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to repeal and re-enact with modifications Section seventy of the ‘ Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1919 ’ and for purposes relating thereto*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1921).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 117.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend sections fourteen, eighteen A, twenty-four, and twenty-nine of the ‘ Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1920 ’*,” to which it has agreed with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, line 14, after “ State ” insert “ of not less than five years’ standing ”.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

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.

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order that Mr. Earle Page might submit a motion.

Question—put and passed with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

13. MINISTERS’ SALARIES AND MEMBERS’ PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES —PROPOSED REDUCTION.—

Mr. Earle Page moved, That this House is of the opinion that—

(1) The *Ministers of State Act 1917* and the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920* should be amended so as to reduce the salary of each Minister of State and the allowance of each Senator and Member of the House of Representatives by the sum of £200, and

(2) the Government be instructed to forthwith bring in Bills to give effect to this resolution.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That the amount “ £200 ” be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the amount “ £400 ” in place thereof.

Mr. Lamond moved, That the question be now put.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Mr. R. W. Foster moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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Question—That the amount “£200” proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mathews
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Chanter	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Groom	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hunter	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Story

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Stewart
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hay	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Lister

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion (moved by Mr. Earle Page) be agreed to—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Watt
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hay	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Lister	

Noes, 40.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bayley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Marks
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mathews
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Chanter	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Groom	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 118.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to certain Special Duties of Customs*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1921).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 119.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law regulating the Public Service and for other purposes*,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 the next day of sitting.

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16. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—ARBITRATION COURT.—Mr. Groom, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a debate which recently took place in the House on the affairs of the Arbitration Court and arbitration matters generally.
17. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1921).—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate (see page 857 *ante*)—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion, That the amendment be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

At ten minutes to five o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
At eight o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

18. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute.—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ending 30th June, 1921.
Ordered to be printed.
19. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1921-22.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—
FORSTER,
Governor-General. *Message No. 83.*
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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.
20. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1921-22.—The House thereupon resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1921-22.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1921-22, Department of the Senate, a further sum of £25.
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.

21. 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.
22. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Groom, was adopted by the House.

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23. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1921–22.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1921–22.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1921–22, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum of £25.

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.

24. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1921–22.—Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a further 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,*” 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.

25. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 121.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on certain Goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Customs Tariff Bill (1921)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 122.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that it has agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs,*” which were transmitted by the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The copy of the said Bill, which was forwarded by the House of Representatives, is returned herewith.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Iron and Steel Bounty Bill (1921)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 123.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Iron and Steel Bounty Act 1918,’*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President

9th and 10th December, 1921.

26. **SUSPENSION OF SITTING.**—Mr. Speaker, at ten minutes past eight o'clock p.m., stated that he would now vacate the Chair, and would again take the Chair to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m. as he understood that such was the desire of the House.
Mr. Speaker thereupon vacated the Chair.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

27. **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) (1921).**—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Sections three, four, fourteen, eighteen and nineteen of; to repeal Sections thirty-seven, thirty-eight and forty of; and to insert new Sections ten A, twelve A, twenty-three, thirty-six A, thirty-seven, thirty-eight and forty in the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1918*, and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Statement by Mr. Speaker.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Bill was substantially different from a previous Bill which had been brought in and passed by the House this Session.

Mr. Groom 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, by leave, 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.*)

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, by leave, the third reading was made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

28. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) (1921).**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 84.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend Sections three, four, fourteen, eighteen and nineteen of; to repeal Sections thirty-seven, thirty-eight and forty of; and to insert new Sections ten A, twelve A, twenty-three, thirty-six A, thirty-seven, thirty-eight and forty in the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1918*, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 10th December, 1921.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be taken forthwith.

Mr. Speaker accordingly left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend Sections three, four, fourteen, eighteen and nineteen of; to repeal Sections thirty-seven, thirty-eight and forty of; and to insert new Sections ten A, twelve A, twenty-three, thirty-six A, thirty-seven, thirty-eight and forty in the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1918*, and for other purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Resolution be considered forthwith.

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

29. **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) (1921).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

10th December, 1921.

30. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Income Tax Bill (1921)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 120.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to Impose Taxes upon Incomes,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*War Precautions Act Repeal Bill (1921)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 124.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section seven and repeal section nineteen of the 'War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1920,'*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*High Court Procedure Bill (1921)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 125.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'High Court Procedure Act 1915,' and for other purposes,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Repatriation Loan Bill (£10,000,000)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 126.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Ten million pounds for Repatriation of Soldiers,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Returned Soldiers' Woollen Company Loan Bill*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 127.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the making of a Loan to the Geelong R.S. & S. Woollen and Worsted Co-operative Manufacturing Coy. Limited,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Bill (No. 2) (1921)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 128.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section twenty-three of the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920,'*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

31. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Cape Pallarenda, near Townsville, Queensland—For Quarantine purposes.

32. AERIAL COMMUNICATION—GREAT BRITAIN AND THE DOMINIONS.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That this House, recognising the vital importance to the British Empire of Aerial Communication, views with concern the prospect of abandonment of proposals for the establishment of an Imperial Airship Service, and expresses the earnest hope that the period during which the Airships and other existing material will be available will be extended in order that Parliament may have an opportunity of discussing proposals for co-operating with Great Britain and the Dominions in a scheme for the establishment of an experimental two-year service.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10th December, 1921.

33. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1921-22. —Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 129.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has considered Message No. 125 of that House in reference to such Bill.

The Senate does not again request the House of Representatives to make the amendment indicated in Request No. 1.

The Senate has resolved to press its Request for amendment No. 2, and again requests the House of Representatives to make such amendment, as shown in the annexed Schedule.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th December, 1921.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith in Committee of the Whole House. Mr. Speaker accordingly left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the requested amendment pressed by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE SHOWING THE ORIGINAL REQUESTED AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE WHICH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS NOT MADE, AND WHICH THE SENATE AGAIN REQUESTS THE HOUSE TO MAKE.

Page 6, Second Schedule—Division No. 2, Subdivision No. 1 :—

Item "Clerk of the House of Representatives—£1,250".
Leave out "£1,250", insert "£1,000".

Mr. Hughes moved, That the requested amendment be not made.
Debate ensued.

Closure—

Mr. Hay moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question being accordingly put—That the requested amendment be not made—

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate accordingly.

At seven minutes past one o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

At half-past four o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

34. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—CONSTITUTION CONVENTION BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the following Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4, be discharged :—

Constitution Convention Bill.—Resumption of debate upon the motion of Mr. Hughes—That the Bill be now read a second time—and upon the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That the word "now" be omitted from, and that the words "this day six months" be added to, the motion.

Question—put and passed.

35. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAYMENT IN LIEU OF DUAL FURLOUGH.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial statement in regard to the payment in lieu of dual furlough to retiring public servants pending the passing of the Public Service Bill.

36. IRISH FREE STATE.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, read to the House a cablegram which he had received from the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, expressing the thanks of the Home Government for the congratulations of the Commonwealth on the settlement of the Irish question.

37. APPROPRIATION BILL, 1921-22—DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN HOUSES.—Mr. Hughes made a statement in regard to the disagreement between the Houses as to the requested amendment No. 2 of the Senate in the Appropriation Bill 1921-22, and notified the House that an informal Committee of Members of both Houses (consisting of Senator Drake-Brockman, Senator Lynch, and Senator J. D. Millen, and the following Members of this House, viz. :—Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gregory, and Mr. Maxwell) had been agreed upon to consider the matter.

The Committee had arrived at the following conclusions :—

"The Committee consider that it is advisable that there should be uniformity in the salaries of the chief officers in the Senate and in the House of Representatives.

That in the future preparation of the Estimates this uniformity should be observed."

Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That this House endorses the above recommendations, and gives the necessary authority to Mr. Speaker to carry them into effect.

Question—put and passed.

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38. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill (No. 3) (1921)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 130.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend Sections three, four, fourteen, eighteen and nineteen of; to repeal Sections thirty-seven, thirty-eight and forty of; and to insert new Sections ten A, twelve A, twenty-three, thirty-six A, thirty-seven, thirty-eight and forty in the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1918,' and for other purposes,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th December, 1921.

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill (No. 2) (1921)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 131.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1918,'*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th December, 1921.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1921-22*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 132.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a further 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,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th December, 1921.

[*Appropriation Bill 1921-22*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 133.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has considered Message No. 129 of that House in reference to such Bill.

The Senate informs the House that representatives of the Senate, in conference with representatives of the House of Representatives, having recommended that it is advisable that there should be uniformity in the salaries of the chief officers in the Senate and in the House of Representatives, and that in the future preparation of the Estimates this uniformity should be observed, the Senate does not further press its requested amendment not made by the House of Representatives, and has agreed to the Bill.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

39. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Burchell,* Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, and Mr. Tudor.

* On leave.

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

1920-21.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-
GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 10th December, 1921 :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 85.*

A Bill intituled :—

Appropriation Act 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.

Melbourne, 14th December, 1921.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 86.*

Bills intituled :—

*Commonwealth Electoral Act 1921,**Funding Arrangements Act 1921,**Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1921,**Loan Act (No. 2) 1921,**Loans Redemption and Conversion Act 1921,**Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1921,**Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Act 1921,**Tariff Board Act 1921,**War Precautions (Coal) Act 1921,**Trading with the Enemy Act 1921,**Patents Act 1921,*

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 Acts.

Melbourne, 15th December, 1921.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 87.*

Bills intituled :—

*Customs Tariff 1921,**Excise Tariff 1921,**Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1921,*

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 Acts.

Melbourne, 16th December, 1921.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 88.*

Bills intituled :—

*Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921,**Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1921,*

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 Acts.

Melbourne, 16th December, 1921.

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MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS—*continued.*

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 89.

Bills intituled :—

Iron and Steel Bounty Act 1921,
Income Tax Assessment Act 1921,
Income Tax Assessment Act 1921 (No. 2),
Income Tax Act 1921,
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1921,

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 Acts.

Melbourne, 17th December, 1921.

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 90.

Bills intituled :—

High Court Procedure Act 1921,
War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1921,
Returned Soldiers' Woollen Company Loan Act 1921,
Repatriation Loan Act 1921,
Supplementary Appropriation Act 1921-22,
Supplementary Appropriation Act 1919-20,
Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1919-20,
Supplementary Appropriation Act 1920-21,
Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1920-21,

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 Acts.

Melbourne, 22nd December, 1921.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

EXTRACT FROM THE *COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA GAZETTE*, No. 2,
DATED 6TH JANUARY, 1922.

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Henry William, Baron Forster, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also from time to time by Proclamation, or otherwise, prorogue the Parliament: Now therefore I, Henry William, Baron Forster, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Constitution, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Parliament until 15th March, 1922.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth, at Melbourne, this fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and in the twelfth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. HUGHES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!