

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1922.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Llewelyn Atkinson, Esquire,
The Honorable Frederick William Bamford,
William Montgomerie Fleming, Esquire, and
The Honorable David Watkins,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-ninth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1921 ; together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

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

British Phosphate Commission—Report and Accounts for year ended 30th June, 1921.

New Guinea (late German) Possessions—Report by the Minister of State for Defence on the Military Occupation of.

High Commissioner (Acting) of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom—Report for 1921.

Nauru—

Report on the Administration of Nauru during the Military Occupation and until 17th December, 1920.—Prepared by the Administrator for submission to the League of Nations.

Report on the Administration of Nauru, 17th December, 1920, to 31st December, 1921.—Prepared by the Administrator for submission to the League of Nations.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Eleventh Annual Report, 1920-21.

Tasmanian Mail Service—Agreement between the Postmaster-General and Huddart Parker Limited and the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand Limited, for the Conveyance of Mails between Melbourne and Launceston, and Melbourne and Burnie.

Taxation—Royal Commission on—Second Report, with Appendices.

Washington Conference—Report by the Australian delegate, Senator the Right Honorable George Foster Pearce, of the Conference on Limitation of Armament, held at Washington, 1921.

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

Rentals paid by the Commonwealth throughout Australia—Statement showing.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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PAPERS—*continued*.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Electoral Act—Reports, with Maps, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing into Electoral Divisions the States of—

New South Wales,
Queensland,
South Australia,
Tasmania,
Victoria,
Western Australia.

Reports severally ordered to be printed.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—

Determinations, and variations of Determinations, by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 12 of 1921—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.

No. 13 of 1921—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 14 of 1921—Radio-Telegraphists' Institute of Australasia.

No. 15 of 1921—Special Allowance to Officers of various Organizations (13) in the State of Western Australia (variation).

No. 1 of 1922—Arms, Explosives, and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 2 of 1922—Postal Sorters' Union of Australia.

No. 3 of 1922—Arms, Explosives, and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 4 of 1922—Variation of Determination (No. 2 of 1922) in the matter of the Postal Sorters' Union of Australia.

No. 5 of 1922—Professional Officers' Association (variation).

No. 6 of 1922—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

No. 7 of 1922—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.

Regulations amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 53.

Audit Act—

Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1921, No. 234.

Statutory Rules 1922, No. 33.

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1921–22—

Dated 3rd May, 1922.

Dated 14th June, 1922.

Beer Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 29.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 226.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 7, 22, 49.

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1921.

Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 74.

Customs Act—

Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
Gold Specie or Bullion (dated 22nd February, 1922).

Metals, Alloys, and Minerals (dated 22nd February, 1922).

Proclamation (dated 14th December, 1921) revoking Proclamation (dated 2nd July, 1919) which prohibited the Exportation of all goods to (late) German New Guinea.

Proclamation (dated 12th January, 1922) revoking Proclamation (dated 14th January, 1920) which prohibited the Importation of goods produced or manufactured in enemy countries, &c.

Proclamation (dated 10th April, 1922) revoking Proclamation (dated 23rd September, 1914) which prohibited the Exportation of Wheat and Flour.

Proclamation (dated 31st May, 1922) revoking Proclamation (dated 7th September, 1914) which prohibited the Exportation of Wheat and Flour to places other than the United Kingdom.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 24.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 6, 21, 47, 48, 60.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 229, 235, 236, 237, 238.

Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 30, 31, 32, 41, 56, 57, 58, 59, 68, 69.

Electoral Act (Commonwealth) and Electoral Acts (Tasmania)—Regulations relating to Joint Electoral Rolls in Tasmania—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 61.

Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 9.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1921, No. 225.

Statutory Rules 1922, No. 13.

High Court Procedure Act—Rules of Court—Rule *re* Sitting—Dated 17th May, 1922.

Immigration Act—Return for 1921.

Industrial Peace Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 223.

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PAPERS—continued.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

- Albion, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
- Bell, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
- Boyup Brook, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
- Burnie, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.
- Cleve, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
- Corrigin, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
- Darlinghurst, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
- Denmark, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
- Geraldton, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
- Home Hill, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
- Jandowae, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
- Lakemba, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
- Malanda, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
- Nilli-bubba Well (near), on Broome to Derby Telegraph Line, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
- Northampton to Hamelin Pool Telegraph Line, Western Australia (3)—For Defence purposes.
- Paskeville, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
- Semaphore, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
- Stanhope, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
- Stockinbingal, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
- Trafalgar, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
- Wyalcatchem, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
- Wynnum, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Nationality Act—Return for 1921.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—

- Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 66, 239.
- Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 8, 38, 67, 70, 75, 76.

Navigation Act—

- Regulations (Master and Seamen)—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 34.
- Regulations Amended—
 - Statutory Rules 1921, No. 241.
 - Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 1, 23, 35, 39, 40, 64, 71, 72.

New Guinea Act—

- Ordinance of 1921—
 - No. 23—Service and Execution of Process.
- Ordinances of 1922—
 - No. 1—Expropriation.
 - No. 2—Mortgagors' Protection Ordinance Repeal.
 - No. 3—Statutory Powers.
 - No. 4—Treasury.
 - No. 5—Roads Maintenance.
 - No. 6—Quarantine.
 - No. 7—Stamp Duties.
 - No. 8—Appropriation Ordinance 1921-22, Amendment.
 - No. 9—Education.
 - No. 10—New Guinea Antiquities.
 - No. 11—Judiciary.
 - No. 12—Police Force.
 - No. 13—Fisheries.
 - No. 14—Public Service.
 - No. 15—Native Labour.
 - No. 16—Succession Duties.
 - No. 17—Land.
 - No. 18—Timber.
 - No. 19—Mining.

Norfolk Island Act—

- Ordinances of 1922—
 - No. 1—Importation of Opium, Morphine, Cocaine, and Heroine.
 - No. 2—Administration.
 - No. 3—Sale of Shares.
 - No. 4—Immigration Restriction.

Foreign Marriage Ordinance—Regulations.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

- Ordinance of 1921—
 - No. 16—Food and Drugs.
- Ordinances of 1922—
 - No. 1—Necessary Commodities.
 - No. 2—Mineral Oil and Coal.
 - No. 3—McMillan Mortgage Validating.
 - No. 4—Darwin Town Council.
 - No. 5—Supreme Court.
 - No. 6—Darwin Town Council (No. 2).

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PAPERS—continued.

- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory Crown Lands Act 1890 (South Australia)—Reasons for resumption of portion of Alice Springs Telegraph Reserve, Northern Territory.
- Papua Act—
Ordinances of 1922—
No. 1—Superannuation.
No. 2—Native Taxes.
No. 3—Forfeiture (Leases and Licences).
Infirm and Destitute Natives' Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees, 1920–21.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—
Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 182, 196, 197, 205, 209, 219, 224, 227, 240.
Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 11, 12, 20, 28, 54, 62, 77.
- Public Service Act—
Appointments and Promotions—Department of—
Attorney-General—
G. B. Gunson and A. G. Bennett.
H. Morgan.
Health—
D. Grant.
Dr. D. G. Robertson.
Dr. A. Richardson.
F. T. Wheatland, K. R. Moore, J. Brown, G. M. Heydon, R. D. McIntosh,
N. Osborne, E. Raven, H. C. Clayton, J. S. Freeman, and B. G. Walker.
F. G. Tranter and E. H. Hutchison.
Home and Territories—
A. R. Peters and J. F. Murphy.
Postmaster-General—
L. B. Fanning.
A. L. Jones.
F. W. Price.
H. H. Sugden.
Trade and Customs—
M. B. Drummond.
E. P. Geraghty.
J. W. Roach.
R. A. Russell.
K. J. G. Smith and M. J. Naughton.
Treasury—
W. L. Devitt.
G. Gratton, G. E. Richards, and T. H. Wells.
G. L. Gresson.
A. H. Jeffery.
A. Metford.
M. J. O'Flaherty.
A. J. Raftery.
R. H. White.
Works and Railways—
W. H. Pritchard.
W. H. Robinson and R. S. Shannon.
P. S. Williams.
Regulations Amended—
Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 222, 231, 233.
Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 5, 10, 45.
- Quarantine Act—Regulations (Plague)—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 230.
- Railways Act—By-law No. 21.
- River Murray Waters Act—Regulations in relation to Tolls.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1922—
No. 1—Trespass on Commonwealth Lands.
No. 2—Industrial Board.
No. 3—Industrial Board (No. 2).
- Service and Execution of Process Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 52.
- Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 51.
- Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 190.
- Treasury Bills Act—
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 44.
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 68.
- Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—
Statutory Rules 1921, No. 232.
Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 36, 65, 66.
- War Gratuity Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 43, 46.
- War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 216.

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PAPERS—*continued*.

War Service Homes Act—

Land acquired under, in—

New South Wales, at—Adelong, Albury (2), Armidale, Arncliffe, Ashfield, Auburn, Concord, Corrimal, Double Bay (2), East Maitland, Enfield, Goulburn (2), Grafton, Hamilton (5), Kempsey, Kiama, Lismore, Manly, Mayfield (4), Merewether, Neutral Bay, Newcastle, Randwick, Richmond, Rockdale, Rozelle, South Grafton, Tenterfield, Waratah (5), Weston.

Partial revocation of Notification of Acquisition of Land, in New South Wales, at Wauchope.
Revocation of Notification of Acquisition of Land, in New South Wales, at Hamilton.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1921, No. 210.

Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 3, 42.

4. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Fowler, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Fifth Progress Report from the Committee :—

War Service Homes Commission (Victoria).

Ordered to be printed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORTS.—Mr. Mathews, for the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Reports from the Committee :—

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, on the question of the proposed construction of a Main Intercepting Sewer from the centre of the City of Canberra to connect with the Main Outfall Sewer.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the Water Supply for the Federal Capital—Distributary Works within the City Area, Canberra.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the construction of a Hostel at Canberra with necessary engineering and other services.

Severally ordered to be printed.

6. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at three o'clock on each Wednesday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock on each Thursday afternoon, and at eleven o'clock on each Friday morning.

Question—put and passed.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Hughes announced that in this House Sir Granville Ryrie would represent the Minister for Home and Territories and that Mr. Lamond would represent the Minister for Repatriation.

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the bringing up of the Report of the Committee appointed yesterday to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General—Mr. Hughes brought up the Address accordingly, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Jackson moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.

Mr. Foley seconded the motion.

Mr. Charlton 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 to-morrow.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
New Guinea—Report to the League of Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from September, 1914, to 30th June, 1921.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1922-23.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

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 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-three.

Melbourne, 28th June, 1922.

Question proposed—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply, when appointed.

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Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That after the word "That" the following words be inserted :—

" the Government be condemned for its callous administration, which has caused dislocation of industry, intensified unemployment, and created widespread misery and distress."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lazzarini 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 to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-one 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. Gregory, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Lavelle.

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