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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1922.

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

2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Report on the first year's operations at Cockatoo Island since its transfer to the Prime Minister's Department on 29th June, 1921.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence—Australian Military Forces—Report of the Inspector-General (Lieut.-General Sir H. G. Chauvel, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.), Part I., 31st May, 1922.

Ordered to be printed.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 102.

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1921-22.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—

Bargo, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Clermont, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Public Service Act—Promotion of H. J. Drostsen, Department of the Treasury.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1922—No. 4—Vine and Vegetation Diseases and Fruit Pests.

3. TREATIES OF WASHINGTON BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to enable effect to be given to two Treaties signed at Washington on behalf of His Majesty and certain other Powers.

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 the next sitting.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1922-23.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. H. IRVINE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of 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, 14th August, 1922.

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

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

"the Government is deserving of censure on account of its action in submitting to a secret inquiry the question of the Kidman-Mayoh ship-building contract which had already been inquired into and reported on by the Parliamentary Public Works Committee".

Debate ensued.

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Mr. Atkinson addressing the House—

Closure—Mr. Brennan moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Lambert	Mr. West
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton

Noes, 41.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story
Mr. Hughes	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House and Mr. Speaker having directed the Clerk to call on the Orders of the Day under Standing Order No. 119—

Point of Order—Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Charlton raised a Point of Order, contending that Standing Order No. 119 refers to matters which do not appear on the business paper as Orders of the Day, and that the effect of the ruling would be to discharge the first Order of the Day, "Supply". He held that the motion that the Message from the Governor-General regarding the Supply Bill be referred to the Committee of Supply for consideration, upon which an amendment had been moved, should not be subject to the limitations of Standing Order No. 119, which, if it operated, would prevent the House going into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker pointed out that some misapprehension appeared to exist as to the position. The House would not be prevented from going into the Committee of Supply, as that was the first Order of the Day. The amendment which had been proposed was not to any Order of the Day but to a formal motion to refer the Message of His Excellency the Governor-General to the Committee of Supply, which in our practice was not usually moved by a Minister, but was formally put at once to the House from the Chair. There was no differentiation in the Standing Order between private Members' motions and Government motions. As a matter of fact, debates on Government motions had been interrupted under the Standing Order, as the records would show. At the expiration of the two hours' time limit, therefore, the House not having otherwise ordered, he had no option but to call on the Orders of the Day. The fact that the House had given no direction as to the Governor-General's Message did not affect the position. The receipt of the Message had been announced to the House and the House was quite at liberty to go into the Committee of Supply forthwith.

The Orders of the Day were then called on.

5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1922-23.

Mr. Bruce moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1922-23 a sum not exceeding £1,763,025.

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the sum be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sum proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bell	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Considine	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watt	Mr. Foley	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gibson	Mr. West	Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Hill		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Jowett		Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Lambert	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Greene	
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Makin	Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Hay	Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That the sum be reduced by 10s.

Question—That the sum proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bell	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Hill	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell
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Mr. Mahony	Mr. Anstey	Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
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Mr. Mathews		Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hay	Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Bruce 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.

7. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

8. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1922-23.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, after debate—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1922-23, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,763,025.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

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9. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1922-23.—Mr. Bruce 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-three,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past 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. Bamford, Mr. Gregory*, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Marr, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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