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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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FRIDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1922.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General forthwith at Government House, and said that he would be glad if the Mover and Seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.  
Thereupon Mr. Speaker, with Members of the House, went to attend His Excellency the Governor-General, at Government House, and having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 20th July last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—  

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen—

I receive with much pleasure the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech which I delivered on the occasion of the Opening of the Second Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Commonwealth; and desire to thank you for your expression of loyalty to His Majesty the King.
3. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Hughes rose to speak on a matter of Privilege. He informed the House that the honorable Member for Cowper (Mr. Earle Page) was reported to have said, in a speech delivered at Ballarat, that the Country Party was now a powerful factor in Parliament, "if only to switch on the light when burglars were about," and that it "compelled them to drop their loot." Mr. Hughes asked the honorable Member to state what he wished to be inferred from the speech in question. Mr. Earle Page stated that the report referred to was neither a verbatim nor a correct report of his speech. His remarks had no personal reference to honorable Members and no application to the Government.  
Other honorable Members having briefly addressed the House in connexion with the matter, and Mr. Hughes having, in view of Mr. Earle Page's explanation, stated that it was not his intention to move a resolution, Mr. Speaker ruled that further discussion of the matter, without any motion being before the House, would be irregular, and the subject was therefore not further proceeded with.
4. SUPERANNUATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Debate resumed.  
 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.

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 (*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 11 agreed to.  
 Clause 12 debated—  
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.  
 Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Entertainments Tax Act 1916-1919'*," to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1922.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1922.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1921'*."

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1922.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Foley, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lavelle\*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Makin, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Riley, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. West.

\* On leave.

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