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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1922.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.**—Mr. Mathews, for the 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 establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at City South (Sydney).
Ordered to be printed.
3. **SUPPLY** [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—CUSTOMS TARIFF (SUGAR) AMENDMENTS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Rodgers, viz.:—That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1922 be amended as hereunder set out and that on and after the twelfth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, Victorian time, duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended—

[For Schedule see page 208 ante.]

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 following words in place thereof:—

“an agreement should be made with regard to sugar control, and that the same should provide for fair and reasonable conditions for the producers and workers in the industry, and at the same time protect the consumers from exploitation by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company Ltd.”—

Chairman's Ruling.—A Point of Order having been raised as to whether the proposed amendment was in order, and several Members having addressed the Chair on the subject, the Chairman ruled that the amendment was not one which could be moved in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That after the first word “That” the following words be inserted:—“the question of imposing a duty on sugar be postponed until the House is in receipt of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee regarding the Sugar Agreement.”

Debate continued.

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riley	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Hill		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Lambert		Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Makin	Mr. McGrath	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Francis	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Jowett	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Watt moved, as an amendment, That the words and figures—

“(A) Raw

(B) White ... per ton | £11 6s. 8d. | £11 6s. 8d. | £11 6s. 8d.”

(part of line 5, and line 6 of the Schedule) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Bell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riley
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Higgs		Mr. Foley	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hunter	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Francis	Mr. Watt
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gibson	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. McGrath
		Mr. Lambert	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Rodgers, the following further amendments were made :—

Line 8 of the Schedule :—Omit “£11 6s. 8d.” (thrice occurring), insert “£9 6s. 8d.” in each instance, in place thereof.

Line 12 of the Schedule :—Omit “£5 13s. 4d.” (thrice occurring), insert “£4 13s. 4d.” in each instance, in place thereof.

Mr. Jowett moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the Schedule :—

“Nothing in the Schedule shall be deemed to prevent sugar from being imported free of duty in bond by *bonâ fide* manufacturers who require to use sugar for the purpose of manufacturing fruit, vegetables, grain, milk, and other food products, such manufacturers to be approved by the Tariff Board. Any such manufactures from imported sugar which are sold for local consumption to pay duty calculated upon the sugar contents at the prescribed rate of import duty.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

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 sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Rodgers 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.

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

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

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Mr. Rodgers then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

5. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE AND ESTIMATES 1922-23].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

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

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Question again proposed (*see p. 79 ante*), That the first Item in the Estimates, under Division I.—

The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

Mr. Stewart moved, as an amendment, That the Item be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Austey	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Conside	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. West
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Parker Moloney

Noes, 22.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

First Item agreed to.

Remainder of Vote—"The Parliament, £61,128"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £639,942"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of the Treasury, £3,786,058"—debated.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendment was made:—

Page 77, lines 1-7 of the first footnote, omit "in making refunds of duty collected on or after 18th August, 1922, under the following items of the Customs Tariff, 1921, viz.:—

No. 145—So far as it relates to galvanized iron.

No. 158—Wire netting.

No. 159B—Wire for use in the manufacture of Wire Netting.

No. 177—So far as it relates to tractors.

To be applied also".

Vote, as amended, agreed to.

Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department, £119,865"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Home and Territories Department, £722,479"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Defence, £3,696,171"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £786,608"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Works and Railways, £835,169"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Postmaster-General's Department, £7,756,335"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Health, £125,210"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"War Services payable out of Revenue, £2,355,413"—agreed to.

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Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bruce—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 1922-23, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £20,884,378.

	Payable out of Revenue.	Payable out of Loan Funds, Trust Fund, and other Special Funds.	Total.
	£	£	£
THE PARLIAMENT	61,128	...	61,128
THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT—	538,549		
Commonwealth Shipbuilding ... ..	...	49,568	
Commonwealth Government Line of Steamers ... ..	...	51,825	
	538,549	101,393	639,942
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—	1,229,384		
Australian Note, Bond, and Stamp Printing Office ... ..	...	6,674	
Refunds of Revenue	1,050,000	...	
Advance to the Treasurer	1,500,000	...	
	3,779,384	6,674	3,786,058
THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT	119,865	...	119,865
THE HOME AND TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT	722,479	...	722,479
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE	3,696,171	...	3,696,171
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS	786,608	...	786,608
THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS—	823,219		
Naval Works Staff—Salaries ... ..	...	8,500	
Federal Capital Territory—Salaries ... ..	...	3,450	
	823,219	11,950	835,169
THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT	7,756,335	...	7,756,335
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	125,210	...	125,210
WAR SERVICES PAYABLE OUT OF REVENUE—	2,108,631		
Repatriation Commission—Salaries ... ..	...	246,782	
	2,108,631	246,782	2,355,413
Total	20,517,579	366,799	20,884,378

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this 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 [ESTIMATES, 1922-23].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1922-23.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bruce—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 £14,542,293.

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 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.

9. **APPROPRIATION BILL 1922-23.**—Mr. Bruce 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-three 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. 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. **JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.**—Mr. Fenton, for the Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—

Sugar—Report, together with the Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

11. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

High Court Procedure Act—Rules of Court—Rules *re* Sittings—Dated 22nd September, 1922 (2)

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1922—

No. 29—Native Labour (No. 2).

No. 30—Mining (No. 2).

Public Service Act—Department of Trade and Customs—

Appointment of A. E. Battle.

Appointment of A. E. E. Sheehan.

Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 132.

War Service Homes Act—Land Acquired under, in New South Wales, at Mayfield.

12. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1922).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to Consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Incomes,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 13th October, 1922 (a.m.).

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this sitting.

13. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—IMMIGRATION LOAN BILL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising of moneys to be loaned to, and the advancing and payment of moneys to, the States for the purposes of Immigration,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 13th October, 1922 (a.m.).

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

12th and 13th October, 1922.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914-1916,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th October, 1922 (a.m.).

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this sitting.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

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.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th October, 1922 (a.m.).

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

16. SUPERANNUATION BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—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, which are as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 3, clause 5, lines 22-24, leave out "and all contributions thereto shall be allowed as deductions in Commonwealth and State assessments of income for taxation purposes".
- No. 2.—Page 6, clause 13, lines 16 and 17, leave out "under this sub-section by any employee", insert "by any such employee".
- No. 3.—Page 6, clause 13, after sub-clause (5.) insert the following new sub-clause:—
"(5A.) An employee who is, at the commencement of this Act, not less than thirty years of age, and who has not elected to take the benefit of the last preceding sub-section, may elect to contribute for any number of units, not being less than two, and not exceeding the number prescribed for the salary group to which, according to the scale contained in sub-section (1.) of this section, he belongs."
- No. 4.—Page 6, clause 13, lines 21 and 22, leave out "A contributor who has exercised any power of election in pursuance of the last preceding sub-section", insert "An employee who has exercised any power of election in pursuance of either of the last two preceding sub-sections".
- No. 5.—Page 8, clause 26, at end of clause add ", for the purposes of this Act".
- No. 6.—Page 10, clause 33, line 17, after "wife" insert "who are".
- No. 7.—Page 10, clause 33, line 17, after "years" insert "and".
- No. 8.—Page 14, clause 43, line 6, leave out "Government".
- No. 9.—Page 20, line 13 (heading), before "BOARD" insert "THE".
- No. 10.—Page 23, clause 80, at end of clause add the following proviso:—

"Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the making of an order in the nature of a garnishee order against any instalment of a pension payable to a person who has been an employee."

On the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate, Amendment No. 1 agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, Amendments Nos. 2 to 10 agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

17. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FARMERS' AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Greene moved, 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. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1922-23.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 44.

MR. SPEAKER,

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-three and to appropriate the supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,” to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th October, 1922.

19. WAYS AND MEANS - CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Rodgers moved—

(1.) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the *Customs Tariff* 1921-1922 or the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference)* 1922, from and after a time and date to be fixed by Proclamation, the goods specified in the Schedule to this Resolution, if produced or manufactured in the Dominion of New Zealand and imported direct from that Dominion shall be free of duty or subject to duty as follows:—

(a) goods which are specified in the Schedule to be free of duty shall be free of duty; and

(b) goods for which rates of duty are specified in the Schedule shall be subject to duty at those rates.

(2.) That goods to which paragraph (a) of the last preceding clause applies shall be free of duty if they are imported into Australia after the time and date fixed by Proclamation under that clause or imported into Australia before that time and date and not entered for home consumption until after that time and date.

(3.) That in respect of goods to which paragraph (b) of clause (1.) of this Resolution applies, the rates of duty imposed under this Resolution shall be charged collected and paid to the King for the purposes of the Commonwealth on all such goods imported into Australia after the time and date fixed by Proclamation in accordance with that clause, or imported into Australia before that time and date and not entered for home consumption until after that time and date.

(4.) That nothing in this Resolution shall affect the right of the Commonwealth to impose or collect any duties chargeable under the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act* 1921-1922.

THE SCHEDULE.

Consecutive No.	Item.	Rate of Duty.
30	Meats, viz. :— Preserved in tins or other airtight vessels, including the weight of the liquid contents per lb.	2d.
67	(B) Sheets and Roofing Slates composed of cement and asbestos or of similar materials ad val.	10 per cent.
85	Dairying Machines and Implements, viz. :— Curd Agitators and Curd Mixers	Free.
120	(B) Corn (Millet) Brooms ad val.	30 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Question—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 a later hour this sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Rodgers 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.

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

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

Mr. Rodgers then brought up a Bill intituled “A Bill for an Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

20. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL (1922).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Message No. 35.

Governor-General.

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 the *Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917-1921*.

Government House,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1922.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917-1921*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Chanter reported accordingly.
Mr. Rodgers 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.
The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers, was adopted by the House.
Ordered, That Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Rodgers 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.
Mr. Rodgers 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. Rodgers, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

21. WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (1922).—Mr. Bruce moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section seven of the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1920-1921*.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce moved, by leave, 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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1922).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

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

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 6, clause 13, line 11, leave out “ an ”, insert “ a first ”.
 No. 2.—Page 6, clause 13, after “ year ” (first occurring in line 12) leave out remainder of sub-clause (6.).
 No. 3.—Page 6, clause 13, after sub-clause (6.) insert the following new sub-clauses, viz. :—
 “(6A.) Any year in which the taxpayer was carrying on business but had no taxable income shall be capable of being a first average year.”
 “(6B.) In the case of a taxpayer who is carrying on business, the excess of allowable deductions over assessable income in any year which is an average year shall be taken into account in calculating the average.”
 No. 4.—Page 9, clause 16, leave out paragraph (c).
 No. 5.—Page 9, clause 16, line 43, leave out “ this ”.
 No. 6.—Page 9, clause 16, line 43, after “ paragraph ” insert “ (e) ”.
 No. 7.—Page 13, clause 20, line 12, after “ bearer ” insert “ the names and addresses of the holders of which are not supplied to the Commissioner by the company ”.
 No. 8.—Page 16, clause 23, line 36, leave out “ and ”.
 No. 9.—Page 16, clause 23, line 36, after “ interest ” insert “ and expenses ”.
 No. 10.—Page 17, clause 23, line 33, after “ articles ” insert “ (including beasts of burden and working beasts) ”.
 No. 11.—Page 19, clause 23, line 10, leave out “ (e) ”, insert “ (f) ”.
 No. 12.—Page 27, clause 50, line 44, leave out “ thirty ”, insert “ forty-two ”.
 No. 13.—Page 27, clause 50, line 45, after “ assessment,” insert “ post to or ”.
 No. 14.—Page 28, clause 51, line 25, after “ the ” (second occurring) insert “ reference or ”.
 No. 15.—Page 28, clause 51, line 32, after “ the ” (second occurring) insert “ reference or ”.
 No. 16.—Page 28, clause 51, line 34, leave out “ an ”, insert “ a reference or ”.
 No. 17.—Page 28, clause 51, line 37, after “ the ” (second occurring) insert “ reference or ”.
 No. 18.—Page 28, clause 51, line 40, after “ the ” (first occurring) insert “ reference or ”.
 No. 19.—Page 29, clause 52, line 4, leave out “ an ”, insert “ a reference or ”.
 No. 20.—Page 29, clause 52, line 8, after “ on ” insert “ reference or ”.
 No. 21.—Page 29, clause 53, line 12, after “ to ” insert “ references or ”.
 No. 22.—Page 33, clause 63, leave out the clause.
 No. 23.—Page 34, clause 66, line 11, after “ Act ” (third occurring) insert “, and any judgment debt and costs in respect of tax ”.
 No. 24.—Page 36, clause 76, line 23, leave out “ be signed ”, insert “ have been sent ”.
 No. 25.—Page 38, clause 88, leave out the clause.
 No. 26.—Page 42, clause 100, line 44, after “ service ” insert “ with ”.
 No. 27.—Page 43, clause 100, line 5, after “ twenty ” insert “ -one ”.
 No. 28.—Page 43, after clause 100 insert the following new clause, viz. :—

“ 100A. Statutory Rules 1922, No. 150, shall have effect, and shall be deemed to have had effect, in relation to assessments for the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, as if they had been made on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.”

Validation of Statutory Rules 1922, No. 150.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, Amendments Nos. 1, 2 and 3 agreed to.

Mr. Bruce moved, That Amendment No. 4 be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Bell	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Foley	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. West
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Rytic	Mr. Fleming	
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Lister	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Scullin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce—

Amendments Nos. 5 to 13 agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 14 to 21 disagreed to, and the following consequential amendment made in clause 44 :—

Page 26, clause 44, at the end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

“(2.) The provisions of sections fifty-one, fifty-two, and fifty-three of this Act shall apply, so far as applicable, to references by the Commissioner to the Board as if those references were appeals.”

Amendments Nos. 22 to 28 agreed to.

12th and 13th October, 1922.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

23. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lamond moved, 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. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Lamond, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 23rd instant, at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 5, Government Business.

26. MRS. ELLIS ROWAN'S PAINTINGS.—Mr. Greene, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Hughes, moved, That this House approves of the purchase, upon such terms as may be arranged, of the late Mrs. Ellis Rowan's collection of paintings depicting bird and flower life in Australia, Papua, and New Guinea.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

27. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, EAST SYDNEY, RANDWICK, WAVERLEY, GORDON, CANTERBURY, AND SOUTH MELBOURNE—APPROVAL OF WORKS.—Mr. R. W. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed works :—Automatic Telephone Exchanges and Equipment at East Sydney, Randwick, Waverley, Gordon, New South Wales ; Canterbury, South Melbourne, Victoria ; which said Works were referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries.

Question—put and passed.

28. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, CITY SOUTH (SYDNEY)—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. R. W. Foster moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, viz. :—

Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at City South (Sydney),

which said work was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries.

Question—put and passed.

29. AIR FORCE, POINT COOK, ADDITIONAL QUARTERS—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. R. W. Foster moved, by leave, That in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, viz. :—

Provision of additional quarters at Point Cook, Victoria, for Staff of the Royal Australian Air Force,

which said work was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries.

Question—put and passed.

30. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL (1922)—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—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, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, leave out clause 2.

No. 2.—Page 1, before clause 3, insert the following new clauses :—

“ 2. Section seventeen of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word ‘death’ (first occurring) the words ‘and Federal and State Land and Income Taxes which become due and payable after his death and within one year after the payment of duty on any assessment under this Act,’ ”

Assessable value
for residents.

12th and 13th October, 1922.

"2A. Section eighteen of the Principal Act is amended by inserting at the end thereof the words 'and Federal and State Land and Income Taxes due and payable at the time of his death or which become due and payable after his death and within one year after the payment of duty on any assessment under this Act.'" Assessable value for absentees.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, Amendments agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

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

31. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Sugar Control—Accounts from 19th July, 1915, to 31st March, 1922.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ending 30th June, 1922.

Ordered, after debate, to be printed.

War Service Homes Act—Reports of the War Service Homes Commission, together with Statements and Balance-sheets—

6th March, 1919, to 30th June, 1921 ;

1st July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.

Severally ordered to be printed.

32. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION APPROPRIATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 36.

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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One hundred and fifteen thousand pounds to provide for the representation of the Commonwealth at the British Empire Exhibition 1924.

Melbourne, 10th October, 1922.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One hundred and fifteen thousand pounds to provide for the representation of the Commonwealth at the British Empire Exhibition 1924.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Rodgers 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.

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

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

Mr. Rodgers 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.

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

33. SUSPENSION OF SITTING.—Mr. Speaker, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m. (Friday), stated that he would now vacate the Chair, and would again take the Chair to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.
Mr. Speaker thereupon vacated the Chair.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eleven o'clock a.m.

34. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 9 to 12, Government Business.
35. **NATIONALITY BILL (1922).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Greene moved, 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.)

Clauses 1 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Greene, the following amendment was made:—

Page 2, line 31, after “amended” insert the following:—

(a) by omitting the words ‘produce to the Minister newspapers containing copies of the prescribed advertisement’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘satisfy the Minister in the prescribed manner that he has done so’: and

(b)”.
“—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Greene, by leave, the House adopted the Report.

On the motion of Mr. Greene, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

36. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FARMERS’ AGREEMENT BILL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 45.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to ratify and approve an agreement made between Farmers’ Bulk Grain Co-operative Company Limited, the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Honorable Thomas Pascoe, Minister of Agriculture in and for the State of South Australia, acting for and on behalf of His Majesty’s Government of the said State,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 13th October, 1922.

37. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL (1922) (No. 2).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 46.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 13th October, 1922.

38. **TRADE MARKS BILL (1922).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Greene 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. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

39. **JURY EXEMPTION BILL (1922).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Greene 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.

12th, 13th, and 14th October, 1922.

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

40. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Greene 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. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

41. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 14, Government Business.
42. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Granville Ryrie 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 Sir Granville Ryrie, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

43. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SUGAR—REDUCTION IN PRICE.—Mr. Rodgers, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in reference to the reduction to be made in the price of sugar and of manufactured products containing sugar. Mr. Charlton, by leave, also addressed the House on the subject.
44. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SULPHUR—EFFECT OF DUTY.—Mr. Rodgers, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in reference to the effect of the Customs duty imposed on Sulphur.
45. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

*[Income Tax Assessment Bill (1922)]—**Message No. 47.*

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Incomes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist on its Amendments Nos. 14 to 21 disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agrees to the consequential amendment made by the House of Representatives in clause 44.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th October, 1922.*[War Precautions Act Repeal Bill (1922)]—**Message No. 48.*

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section seven of the ' War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1920-1921 '*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th October, 1922.

12th, 13th, and 14th October, 1922.

[*Shale Oil Bounty Bill (1922)*]—

Message No. 49.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917–1921’*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th October, 1922.

[*British Empire Exhibition Appropriation Bill*]—

Message No. 50.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One hundred and fifteen thousand pounds to provide for the representation of the Commonwealth at the British Empire Exhibition 1924*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th October, 1922.

[*Nationality Bill (1922)*]—

Message No. 51.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Nationality Act 1920’*”.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th October, 1922.

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

And then the House, at eight minutes past one o'clock p.m. (Saturday), adjourned until Monday, 23rd instant, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Nicholls*, Mr. Story, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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

1922.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-
GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received after the adjournment of the House on the 14th October, 1922 :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 37.*

Bills intituled :—

Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922
Senate Elections Act 1922
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1922
Nationality Act 1922
Trade Marks Act 1922
Jury Exemption Act 1922
Service and Execution of Process Act 1922
Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1922
Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 1922
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1922
Immigration Loan Act 1922
Customs Tariff (Sugar) 1922
Superannuation Act 1922
Estate Duty Assessment Act 1922
South Australian Farmers' Agreement Act 1922
Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1922 (No. 2)
Income Tax Assessment Act 1922
Income Tax Act 1922
War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1922
Shale Oil Bounty Act 1922
British Empire Exhibition Appropriation Act 1922
Appropriation Act 1922-23

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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 18th October, 1922.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

EXTRACT FROM THE *COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA GAZETTE*, No. 87,
DATED 19TH OCTOBER, 1922.

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to wit.

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 in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

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, the said Henry William, Baron Forster, in exercise of the power-conferred by the said Constitution, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Parliament until 6th November, 1922.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth, at Melbourne, this eighteenth day of (L.S.) October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and in the thirteenth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. HUGHES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

DISSOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ISSUE OF WRITS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE *COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA GAZETTE*,
No. 96, DATED 6TH NOVEMBER, 1922.

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to wit.

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 in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is provided that the Governor-General may from time to time by Proclamation or otherwise prorogue the Parliament, and dissolve the House of Representatives: And whereas the Parliament stands prorogued until the sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and it is expedient to dissolve the House of Representatives as on and from that date: Now therefore I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by this my Proclamation dissolve the House of Representatives as on and from the sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two: And I discharge Honorable Senators from attendance on that date.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this (L.S.) second day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and in the thirteenth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. HUGHES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Melbourne, 2nd November, 1922.

ISSUE OF WRITS FOR A GENERAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

IT is hereby notified that, pursuant to the Constitution and the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918-1922, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has this day been pleased to approve that Writs be issued on the 6th day of November, 1922, for a General Election of Members of the House of Representatives, and that the following dates shall be the dates for the purposes of the said Elections:—

- (1) For the Nominations, Friday, the seventeenth day of November, 1922.
- (2) For the Polling, Saturday, the sixteenth day of December, 1922.
- (3) For the Return of the Writs, on or before Wednesday, the thirty-first day of January, 1923.

G. F. PEARCE,

Minister of State for Home and Territories.