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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 32.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (MR. WARREN G. HARDING).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House agrees to the following resolution:—  
We, the Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, express our deep sympathy with the people of the United States in the death of their President. We grieve that this great citizen should have been struck down at a time when the world had need of his counsel, but trust that the example of his life will stimulate to still greater efforts all those who labour in the cause of universal peace.  
And Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) having supported the proposed resolution, and all Members present having risen in silence—  
Question—passed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1923-24.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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-four for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 3rd August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—  
Coogee, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.  
Fairfield, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.  
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Richmond, New South Wales.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.

6th August, 1923.

6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (see p. 95 ante), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President ... .. £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

7. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to 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. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron\*, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Groom, Sir Neville Howse\*, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. Thompson.

\* On leave.

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