

1923.

(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1922-23.
Ordered to be printed.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
No. 10 of 1923—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.
No. 13 of 1923—Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.
3. SUPPLY—[ESTIMATES 1923-24].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question proposed, That the remainder of the Vote—"I.—The Parliament, £60,048" be agreed to.
Debate ensued.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having declared that the Estimates of Expenditure were of an urgent nature—
Question—That the Estimates of Expenditure be considered of an urgent nature—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Boyden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Cosser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hunter	

*Tellers :*Mr. Marr
Mr. Proyse

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	

*Tellers :*Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10th August, 1923.

Mr. Bruce then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure shall be—

For I.—The Parliament, and II.—The Prime Minister's Department, until four o'clock p.m. this day.

For III.—The Department of the Treasury, until six o'clock p.m. this day.

For IV.—The Attorney-General's Department, until half-past eight o'clock p.m. this day.

For V.—The Home and Territories Department, until half-past ten o'clock p.m. this day.

For VI.—The Department of Defence, until half-past two o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

For VII.—The Department of Trade and Customs, until half-past four o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

For VIII.—The Department of Works and Railways, until half-past six o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

For IX.—The Postmaster-General's Department, until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

For X.—The Department of Health, and XI.—War Services payable out of Revenue, and up to and including the reporting of the Resolution to the House, and the adoption of the Report, until noon to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 262A for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Lacey

Tellers :

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1923-24.]—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the remainder of the Vote—"I.—The Parliament, £60,048," be agreed to.

Debate resumed.

Mr. O'Keefe moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At four o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes—"I.—The Parliament" and "II.—The Prime Minister's Department," had expired—

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Parker Moloney

Tellers :

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

And so it was negatived.

10th August, 1923.

The further question—That the remainder of the Vote—"I.—The Parliament—£60,048," be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The further question—That the Vote—"II.—The Prime Minister's Department, £398,597," be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Vote—"III.—The Department of the Treasury, £3,574,218"—

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment, That the amount of Division No. 22, Invalid and Old-age Pensions Office—£84,588, be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. West
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lister	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Parker Moloney

Noes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hunter	

And so it was negatived.

Debate on Vote continued.

Mr. O'Keefe moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—"III.—The Department of the Treasury, £3,574,218," be reduced by £1.

10th August, 1923.

Limitation of Debate.—At six o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Lacey
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Parker Moloney

Noes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—"IV.—The Attorney-General's Department, £118,550"—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Brennan moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past eight o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Yates

Noes, 32.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

The further question—That the Vote—"IV.—The Attorney-General's Department, £118,550," be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 19.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Yates

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Vote—"V.—The Home and Territories Department, £617,678"—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Albert Green moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

10th and 11th August, 1923.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past ten o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Patrick Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Forde	Mr. West	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lacey		Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Makin		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Gibson	
		Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Hunter	

And so it was negatived.

The further question—That the Vote—"V.—The Home and Territories Department, £617,678," be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Makin	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Hunter			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Vote—"VI.—The Department of Defence, £3,425,829"—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment; That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

SATURDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1923.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past two o'clock a.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Makin	Mr. Yates	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Hurry	

And so it was negatived.

10th and 11th August, 1923.

The further question—That the Vote—"VI.—The Department of Defence, £3,425,829," be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham	Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Yates
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks	Mr. Forde	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Makin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Vote—"VII.—The Department of Trade and Customs, £776,494"—

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past four o'clock a.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Makin	Mr. Yates	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

The further question—That the Vote—"VII.—The Department of Trade and Customs, £776,494," be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks	Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Makin	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Vote—" VIII.—The Department of Works and Railways, £834,849"—

Mr. Lacey moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past six o'clock a.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

Vote agreed to.

Vote—" IX.—The Postmaster-General's Department, £7,997,131"—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cunningham moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past ten o'clock a.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Charles McDonald	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Parker Moloney	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hurry	

And so it was negatived.

The further question—That the Vote—" IX.—The Postmaster-General's Department, £7,997,131," be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 19.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Charles McDonald	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Coleman
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Votes—" X.—The Department of Health, £137,296 ", and

" XI.—War Services payable out of Revenue, £989,916"—

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At noon, the time allotted having expired—the Temporary Chairman put the question, That the Votes be agreed to—which was passed.

10th and 11th August, 1923.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—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 1923-24, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £18,930,606.

	Payable out of Revenue.	Payable out of Loan and Trust Funds.	Total.
	£	£	£
The Parliament	60,048	...	60,048
The Prime Minister's Department	398,597	...	398,597
The Department of the Treasury	967,087	...	...
Australian Note, Bond, and Stamp Printing Office ... ..	...	7,131	...
Refunds of Revenue	1,100,000	...	...
Advance to the Treasurer	1,500,000	...	...
	3,567,087	7,131	3,574,218
The Attorney-General's Department	118,550	...	118,550
The Home and Territories Department	609,506	...	...
Lands and Surveys—Part Salaries ... ..	...	8,172	...
	609,506	8,172	617,678
The Department of Defence	3,425,829	...	3,425,829
The Department of Trade and Customs	776,494	...	776,494
The Department of Works and Railways	826,464	...	...
Federal Capital Territory— ... ..	...	...	...
Public Works Staff—Part Salaries ... ..	...	3,758	...
Accounts Branch—Salaries ... ..	...	4,627	...
	826,464	8,385	834,849
The Postmaster-General's Department	7,997,181	...	7,997,181
The Department of Health	121,986	...	...
Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine—Salaries ... ..	...	3,806	...
Serum Laboratories—Salaries ... ..	...	11,504	...
	121,986	15,310	137,296
War Services Payable out of Revenue	788,953	...	...
Repatriation Commission—Salaries ... ..	...	200,963	...
	788,953	200,963	989,916
Total	18,680,645	239,061	18,930,606

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply be adopted.
Question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Killen	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Latham	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Makin	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Charles McDonald	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Royal Australian Naval College—Annual Report, 1922.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Croydon, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1923—No. 5—Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement).

7. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

Mr. E. C. Riley moved, as an amendment, That the words "Monday next at three o'clock p.m." be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "to-morrow (Sunday) at eleven o'clock a.m." in place thereof.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Original Question agreed to.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on Saturday, adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bamford, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Donald Cameron*, Mr. Fenton, Sir Neville Howse*, Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Edward Riley, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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