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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH 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, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Factories—Commonwealth Government—Acetate of Lime; Clothing; Cordite; Harness, Saddlery, and Leather Accoutrements; Small Arms—Reports for year ended 30th June, 1922.
Munitions Supply Board—First Report, from 13th August, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Railways—Report, with Appendices, on the Commonwealth Railways, for 1922–23.
Ordered to be printed.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1923, No. 106.
3. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS 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 1, clause 4, line 18, leave out "Advances to Settlers".

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 5, line 23, leave out "Administrator of the".

On the motion of Mr. Groom (Attorney-General), the Amendments were agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1923).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

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 amend sections seventeen, twenty-four, twenty-six, thirty-one, forty-five, and forty-seven, of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1920*.

Melbourne, 8th August, 1923.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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. Bruce (Prime Minister)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend sections seventeen, twenty-four, twenty-six, thirty-one, forty-five, and forty-seven, of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1920*.

Resolution to be reported.

24th August, 1923.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page 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.)

Clause 1—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the word "may" (line 4) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
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	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Noes, 31.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Charles McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Lambert	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lister	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton

Tellers :

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment, That the word "Four" (line 14) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "Five" in place thereof.

Amendment ruled out of order, on the ground that its effect would be to increase the amount of the appropriation required.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment, That the words "Seventy-eight" (line 3, page 2) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "Ninety-one" in place thereof.

Amendment ruled out of order.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated—

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment, That the word "three" (line 9) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "four" in place thereof.

Amendment ruled out of order, on the ground that its effect would be to increase the amount of the appropriation required.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

24th August, 1923.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1923).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 27.*

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 an amendment in the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill 1923 providing for invalid pensions to certain persons who are afflicted with congenital defects.

Government House,

Melbourne, 24th August, 1923.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment in the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill (1923) providing for invalid pensions to certain persons who are afflicted with congenital defects.

Mr. Frederick McDonald moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—

“ Provided that in those cases where a pensioner or applicant for a pension satisfies the Commissioner that he is possessed of moneys or has outstanding moneys due and payable to him by instalments or otherwise which he is employing or proposes within a reasonable time to employ in the purchase of a home for the pensioner or applicant such moneys shall not be taken into account when assessing the amount of pension payable.”

Amendment ruled out of order, on the ground that it was not covered by the terms of the Governor-General's recommendation.

Debate on original motion ensued.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

6. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)**New Clause—*

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), after debate, a new clause, in the following amended form, was added to the Bill :—

3A. Section twenty-two of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of sub-section (2.) thereof the words “ or has resided in Australia continuously for twenty years ”.

Conditions for grant of invalid pension.

Title—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the Title was amended by the insertion of the words “ twenty-two,” after the word “ seventeen.”

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments, and with an amended Title.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, *see page 186 ante*), the House adopted the Report and the Bill, after debate, was read a third time.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (1923) [£4,500,000].—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 to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money,* ” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill 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, 24th August, 1923.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

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8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Manly, New South Wales.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INCOME TAX COLLECTION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 28.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 amendments to be moved by the Treasurer in a Bill for an Act relating to the collection of Income Tax and for other purposes.

Government House,
Melbourne, 23rd August, 1923.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Treasurer in a Bill for an Act relating to the collection of Income Tax and for other purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Groom (Attorney-General), was adopted by the House.

10. INCOME TAX COLLECTION 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.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

SATURDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1923.

Debate continued.

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, That after the word "That" the following words be inserted :—
"this Bill subverts the powers of the Commonwealth Government to subsidiary Authorities, works injustice to a large number of the Commonwealth employees, and therefore should be referred back for further consideration".

Debate continued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 21.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Austey	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Forde	Mr. West	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lambert	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Makin	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Groom	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Hunter	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse
		Sir Elliot Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Groom	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Noes, 21.

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

Tellers :

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), after debate, the following amendment was made:—
Line 12, after the word "allowance," insert "higher duties allowance, child endowment, and special allowances under Arbitration Court Awards."

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, after debate, the following further amendment was made:—Line 17, after the word "Service" insert "or which would have been reckoned as Service in the Commonwealth Service if that Act had been in force at the time of appointment of the officer to the Commonwealth Service".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That after "section" (line 34) the following words be inserted:—"or to any taxation officer who has retired voluntarily since the first day of April, 1923".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	

Tellers :

Noes, 33.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Groom	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	
Sir Elliot Johnson	
Mr. Killen	
Mr. Lister	

Tellers :

And so it was negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made:—Line 35, after the word "service" insert "or portion of a year of service".

Mr. Scullin moved, as a further amendment, That the word "six" (line 37) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "twelve" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Gardner	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Makin	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Groom	Mr. Thompson	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Hill	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Hunter			
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Jackson			
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Killen	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That after the word "Service" (line 3) the words "or from the Service of a State after transfer" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, after debate, the following amendment was made:—Line 4, omit the word "six" and insert the word "twelve" in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made:—Line 18, omit all the words after the words "addition to" and insert the following in place thereof:—

- "(a) any pay in lieu of furlough payable to the officer under the provisions of section seventy-three of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922* ;
- (b) any sum payable to the officer under the provisions of section seventy-four of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922*, or which would have been so payable if the officer had attained the age of sixty years ; and
- (c) where the officer is, immediately prior to his retirement, eligible for recreation leave for any period, the sum equivalent to the amount of salary which would be payable to him for that period if the leave were granted to him.

"(2.) In determining the amount payable to an officer under the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of the last preceding sub-section, no deduction shall be made on account of any recreation leave already granted to the officer in respect of the year in which he retires or is retired."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see page 176 ante*), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*River Murray Waters Bill (1923)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to ratify an Agreement for the Variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters, and for other purposes*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

24th and 25th August, 1923.

[*Sulphur Bounty Bill*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the payment of a Bounty on Sulphur*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Customs Tariff [Sulphur] Bill*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs on Sulphur*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Shale Oil Bounty Bill (1923)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917-1922'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Land Tax Assessment Bill (1923)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend Section Twenty-nine of the 'Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1916'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Special Annuity Bill*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of an Annuity to the Widow of the late the Honorable Frank Gwynne Tudor*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.

13. AIR FORCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bowden (Minister for Defence) 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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Bowden moved, as an amendment, That the following new sub-clause be added to the clause:—

"(5.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Imperial Act called the Army Act, and any Acts amending or in substitution for it and for the time being in force, shall not apply to the Air Force."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment upon the amendment, That after the words "Army Act" the words "or Air Force Acts" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment upon amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment moved by Mr. Bowden agreed to.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Manning
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Groom	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 21.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Bowden 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.

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

14. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Tariff Board Bill* (1923)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Tariff Board Act 1921’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923, a.m.[*Taxation of Loans Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Taxation of Interest derived from certain Loans*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923, a.m.

15. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

League of Nations—Selection of Papers relating to the Mandatory System (especially those relating to “ C ” Mandates), 1920-22—(Compiled in the Prime Minister’s Department).

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, after debate, ordered to be printed.

16. WHEAT POOL ADVANCES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 17 from His Excellency the Governor-General’s Deputy—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. Bruce (Prime Minister)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Treasurer of the Commonwealth to guarantee advances made to finance Schemes for the Marketing of Wheat.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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.

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. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That the words "exceed the sum of three shillings and eight pence" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "be less than the sum of four shillings" in place thereof.

Amendment ruled out of order, on the ground that its effect would be to increase the amount of the appropriation required.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, after debate, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

17. LOAN BILL (1923) [£4,500,000].—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, clause 4, line 16, leave out "twenty-six", insert "twenty-five".

No. 2.—Page 2, Schedule, Item "Works, services, and acquisition of land in Federal Capital Territory", leave out from columns 1 and 3 "£165,000", insert "£164,999".

(And make necessary alteration in totals of the Schedule.)

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Amendments be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Bruce moved, That Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Groom, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to the Amendments.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Bruce, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons, which were read, and are as follow :—

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the Amendments of the Senate.

1. Because the amount is provided in the Bill in order that effect may be given to a Resolution of the House, which was passed without division, in favour of the erection of a Provisional Parliament House at Canberra.

2. Because in the interests of the Commonwealth it is essential to make provision for the meeting of the Parliament of the Commonwealth at Canberra at the earliest practicable date.

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

18. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Agreements Validation Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of certain Agreements and Documents made and executed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 25th August, 1923, a.m.

[*Wheat Pool Advances Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Treasurer of the Commonwealth to guarantee advances made to finance Schemes for the Marketing of Wheat,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 25th August, 1923, a.m.

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[*Air Force Bill*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Establishment, Organization and Government of the Royal Australian Air Force,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

19. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Superannuation Act—First Report of the Superannuation Fund Management Board, for period ended 30th June, 1923.
Ordered to be printed.

20. WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (1923).—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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Groom (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21. REMOVAL OF PRISONERS (TERRITORIES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Gibson (Postmaster-General) 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Gibson, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, Government Business.
24. OFFICERS' HOSTEL, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to carry out the erection of Officers' Hostel at Canberra—a proposed work which has been investigated and reported on by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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25. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, CANBERRA—NON-APPROVAL OF PROVISIONAL OFFICES—COMPETITIVE DESIGNS FOR PERMANENT OFFICES.—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That it is not expedient to carry out the construction of Provisional Administrative Offices, with accessory engineering services, at Canberra—a proposed work which has been investigated and reported on by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*; but that it is expedient to invite competitive designs for Permanent Administrative Offices, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee in its report.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
26. COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, BRISBANE—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to carry out the erection of Commonwealth Offices, Brisbane, a proposed work which has been investigated and reported upon by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*.
Question—put and passed.
27. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Mrs. Ellis Rowan's Paintings—Report by a business Committee appointed by the Commonwealth Government.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Prowse moved, as an amendment, That the words "and that the Collection be not purchased" be added to the motion.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and negatived.
Sir Granville Ryrie moved, as an amendment, That the words "and that the Collection be purchased by the Commonwealth Government for the sum of £5,000" be added to the motion.
Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and passed.
Question—That the Paper be printed, and that the Collection be purchased by the Commonwealth Government for the sum of £5,000—put and passed.
28. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
29. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.
30. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ROYAL COMMISSIONS APPOINTED.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement respecting the appointment of Royal Commissions to inquire into certain matters, viz. :—National Insurance; the effect of the operation of the Navigation Act on Australian Trade, &c.; and War Service Homes.
31. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (1923) [£4,500,000].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 39.
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon its Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.
THOS. GIVENS,
President.
The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923.
32. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 38.
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Income Tax Assessment Act 1922*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill 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, 25th August, 1923.
- Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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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, after clause 1, insert the following new clause :—

1A. After section five of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part I. :—

“ 5A.—(1.) This Act shall not apply to any income derived from primary production in the Northern Territory by a resident of that Territory prior to the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven. Application of Act to Northern Territory.

“ (2.) In this section—

(a) ‘ Primary production ’ means the production resulting directly from—

- (i) cultivation of land ;
- (ii) maintenance of animals or poultry ;
- (iii) mining ; or
- (iv) fisheries,

and includes dairy produce manufactured by the person who produced the raw material used in the manufacture of that produce ; and

(b) ‘ income derived from primary production ’ means income which is derived directly and in the first place from primary production.”

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 4, lines 22 and 23, leave out paragraph (e), insert the following new paragraph :—

“ (e) by omitting from paragraph (e) all the words after the word ‘ five ’.”

No. 3.—Page 4, clause 7, line 18, after “ afforestation ” insert “ as its principal business ”.

No. 4.—Page 4, clause 7, lines 19–27, leave out paragraph (b).

No. 5.—Page 5, after clause 12, insert the following new clause :—

“ 13. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act or this Act, there shall be deducted from the assessable income of a taxpayer for the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three all sums paid by the taxpayer during the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one in calls on shares in any company or syndicate prospecting for oil in the Commonwealth.”

Special deduction from 1922-23 income for calls paid in oil company.

Amendment No. 1, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), agreed to.

Amendment No. 2, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, agreed to with the following amendment :—

Omit the words “ from paragraph (e) all the words after the word ‘ five ’,” and insert the words “ paragraph (e) thereof ”.

Amendments Nos. 3, 4, and 5, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report.

At twenty minutes to four o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

At five o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

33. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Income Tax Bill (1923)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes,* ” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923.

[Income Tax Collection Bill]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the collection of Income Tax and for other purposes,* ” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923.

[War Precautions Act Repeal Bill (1923)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend Section Seven of the ‘ War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1920-1922 ’,* ” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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Melbourne, 25th August, 1923.

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[*Income Tax Assessment Bill* (1923)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1922'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives upon Amendment No. 2 of the Senate.

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Melbourne, 25th August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Post and Telegraph Bill* (1923)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1916'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill* (1923)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend sections seventeen, twenty-two, twenty-four, twenty-six, thirty-one, forty-five, and forty-seven, of the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1920'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Melbourne, 25th August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

34. ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE (INTERNATIONAL HEALTH BOARD)—VOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That this House places on record its deep gratitude to the International Health Board (Rockefeller Institute) for its generous and invaluable assistance in connexion with the public health of the Commonwealth.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed unanimously.

Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the Rockefeller Institute a copy of the foregoing Resolution.

35. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford*, Mr. Donald Cameron*, Sir Neville Howse*, and Mr. McGrath.

* On leave.

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