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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 75.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1924.

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 SENATOR BARKER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 21st instant, of Senator Barker, moved, by leave, That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of Senator Stephen Barker; and places upon record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and extends its profound sympathy to his family in their sad bereavement.  
And Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. W. Maloney having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen in silence—  
Question—passed.  
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the relatives the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the addresses delivered thereon.
3. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the late honorable Senator, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Royal Australian Naval College—Annual Report, 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 90.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 89.  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1924—No. 1—Crown Lands.  
Public Service Act—Appointment of Dr. W. T. Nelson, Department of Health.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,  
*Deputy of the Governor-General.*

*Message No. 40.*

A Bill intituled "*Loan Act (No. 1) 1924*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

State Government House,  
Melbourne, 20th June, 1924.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—MAIN ROADS DEVELOPMENT BILL (1924).—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. 41.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 relating to Main Roads Development.

Meibourne, 20th June, 1924.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1924-25.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 42.*

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 a 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-five.

Sydney, 20th June, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 13 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 14 and 15, Government Business.
10. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1924-25.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved—That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1924-25 a sum not exceeding £4,076,175.

Debate ensued—

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1924.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—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.
12. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
13. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1924-25.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1924-25, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £4,076,175.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

25th and 26th June, 1924.

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.

14. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1924-25.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A 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-five,*" 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.

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. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Austin Chapman\*, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gibson\*, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Killen, Mr. Latham, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald\*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Seabrook, and Mr. Thompson.

\* On leave.

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