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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1924.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, 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 Automatic Telephone Exchanges at Unley and Norwood, South Australia.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Sir Edward Pellew Group of Islands—Report with special reference to Biology and Physical Features by Surgeon Lieutenant W. E. J. Paradise, R.A.N.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 No. 29 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 No. 30 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Commonwealth Postmasters' Association; Federated Public Service Assistants' Association; Australian Letter Carriers' Association; Australian Postal Assistants' Union; Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association; Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association; General Division Officers' Union, Trade and Customs Department; and Australian Postal Linemen's Union.
 No. 31 of 1924—Australian Letter Carriers' Association.
4. WIRELESS AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Limited.
 Question—put and passed.
5. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
6. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 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 £2,978,575.

Mr. Anstey moved, as an amendment, That the sum be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sum be reduced by £1—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. McGrath	Mr. West	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Gardner	
		Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1924-25.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, 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 £2,978,575.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

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.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 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. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATES LOAN BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising of Moneys to be loaned to the States, and for other purposes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st August, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

12. WIRELESS AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to approve the Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Limited,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hill, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Prowse, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.