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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 103.

 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 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. MESSAGES FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

L. F. CUSSEN,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 57.

A Bill intituled " *Loan Act (No. 2) 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.

Melbourne, 25th August, 1924.

L. F. CUSSEN,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 58.

Bills intituled—

" *States Loan Act 1924* "

" *Defence Equipment Act 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 Acts.

Melbourne, 25th August, 1924.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DRIED FRUITS ADVANCES BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

L. F. CUSSEN,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 59.

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 to provide for the Payment of Advances to Growers of Dried Fruits.

Melbourne, 22nd August, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 116.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Royal Commission in regard to the Administration of the Land and Income Tax Acts.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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6. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Anstey moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. SUPPLY—[BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (see p. 330 ante), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President	£1,100
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be agreed to.
General debate resumed.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock p.m.

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

* On leave.

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