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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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FRIDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1924.

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. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Fenton, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—  
 Certain transactions between the Co-operative Estates Limited, of Hobart, and the War Service Homes Commission.  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. 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.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Central Australia—Report of Committee of Representatives of the Commonwealth and of South Australia, on the nature of the country between Kingoonya (South Australia) and Alice Springs (Northern Territory).  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to certain Assessments of War-time Profits.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 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.  
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. SUPERANNUATION BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 67 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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 (In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922*.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Resolution to be reported.

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 The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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Mr. Earle Page 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.

Mr. Fenton 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX COLLECTION BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 93.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Income Tax Collection Act 1923’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Melbourne, 3rd October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy President.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 94.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1916’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 3rd October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy President.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 95.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend section five of the ‘ Land Tax Assessment Act 1910–1923’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 3rd October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy President.

10. LESSEE TAX 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.

Mr. Prowse addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—ASSEMBLY OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva.

12. LESSEE TAX 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.

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—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

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13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 96.*

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.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 3rd October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy President.

14. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—Finance 1923–24—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1924, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

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

Railways Act—By-law No. 30.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bayley\*, Mr. Blakeley\*, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton\*, Mr. Coleman, Sir Littleton Groom\*, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen\*, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. W. Maloney\*, Mr. Marks\*, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. E. C. Riley, Sir Granville Ryrie\*, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Thompson.

\* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,

*Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.*