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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1925.

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. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORTS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Reports from the Committee—
 - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of Royal Australian Air Force Station (No. 2) at Richmond, New South Wales.
 - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Lakemba, New South Wales.
 - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at West Adelaide, South Australia.
 - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Manly, New South Wales.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Norfolk Island—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1924.
 - Papua—Annual Report for the year 1922-1923.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 - Migration—Agreement between the British and Commonwealth Governments regarding arrangements for the settlement in Australia of an increasing number of assisted migrants.
 - Migration—Australian Passage Agreement made between the British and Commonwealth Governments.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

 - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance No. 12 of 1925—Registration.
 - Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 96.
4. SUPPLY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.
6. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at three o'clock on each Wednesday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock on each Thursday afternoon, and at eleven o'clock on each Friday morning.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 1.
8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1925-26.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1925-26 a sum not exceeding £4,459,235.
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.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1925-26.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1925-26, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £4,459,235.
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.

12. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1925-26.—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-six,*" 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 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 2 to 4 agreed to.
Schedule—"I.—The Parliament, £11,486"—Mr. McNeill moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.
Debate ensued.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Marks, Mr. Maxwell,
Mr. Frederick McDonald, and Sir Granville Ryrie.

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