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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1926.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, 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 Construction of Dam and Improvements on the Molonglo River, Federal Capital.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Papuan Oilfields—Drilling Reports for January, February, March, and April, 1926, together with Report on Drilling Difficulties, by the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 73, 74, 75, 76, 77.
4. GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL (1926).—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to ratify the Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia, Norris Garrett Bell James Fraser, James Walker Davidson, and the State of New South Wales, to ratify the Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia, Norris Garrett Bell, James Fraser, James Walker Davidson, and the State of Queensland, and to amend the *Grafton to South Brisbane Railway Act 1924*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Hill 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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL (1926).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to ratify the Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia, Norris Garrett Bell, James Fraser, James Walker Davidson, and the State of New South Wales, to ratify the Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia, Norris Garrett Bell, James Fraser, James Walker Davidson, and the State of Queensland, and to amend the *Grafton to South Brisbane Railway Act 1924*.

Melbourne, 19th May, 1926.

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

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6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 2, 3 and 4 be postponed until after the Orders of the Day, Government Business.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1926–27.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

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 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-seven.

Melbourne, 23rd June, 1926.

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

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1926–27.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1926–27 a sum not exceeding £4,046,117.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1926–27.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1926–27, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £4,046,117.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley 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) 1926–27.—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-seven,*” 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. Bayley 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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13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1926).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1919'.*"

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd June, 1926.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 29.

Bills intituled—

" *Science and Industry Research Act 1926* ",
" *Science and Industry Endowment Act 1926* ",

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Sydney, 21st June, 1926.

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

And then the House, at five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Corser*, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Manning, Mr. Marks, Mr. Nelson, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Stewart

* On leave.

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