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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1929.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DISSOLUTION OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the terms of the advice tendered by him to His Excellency the Governor-General following upon the recent defeat of the Government in Committee of the Whole House on the Maritime Industries Bill, and also informing the House that His Excellency had accepted his advice to dissolve the House of Representatives.
Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, No. 93.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Forrest, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Northern Australia Act—Ordinances of 1929—

Central Australia—

No. 13—Gaming.

No. 14—Justices.

North Australia—

No. 15—Gaming.

No. 16—Darwin Radio-Telegraph Station.

No. 17—Justices.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1929-30.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 thirty.

Canberra, 22nd August, 1929.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1929-30.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1929-30 a sum not exceeding £6,578,090.

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.

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.

12th September, 1929.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1929-30.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1929-30, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £6,578,090.

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.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1929-30.—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 thirty,*” 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.)

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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1929).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Canberra, 21st August, 1929.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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.

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.

12th September, 1929.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1929).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Canberra, 21st August, 1929.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed : Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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.

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.

13. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1929).—Mr. Gullett (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Gullett 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. Gullett moved, by leave, 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Gullett, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1929).—Mr. Gullett (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Gullett 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. Gullett moved, by leave, 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. Gullett, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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15. BOTANICAL LABORATORIES, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Abbott (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following proposed work, which was referred to and reported upon by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be proceeded with, viz.:—Erection of Botanical Laboratories at Canberra.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

17. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

18. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Supply Bill (No. 2) 1929-30*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 thirty*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 12th September, 1929.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1929)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a Sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 12th September, 1929.

[*War Pensions Appropriation Bill (1929)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a Sum for War Pensions*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 12th September, 1929.

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill (1929)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Tariff Proposals*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 12th September, 1929.

[*Excise Tariff Validation Bill (1929)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Tariff Proposals*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 12th September, 1929.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Killen, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. McGrath.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

1929.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received after the adjournment of the House on the 12th September, 1929 :—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

*Supply Act (No. 2) 1929-30,
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1929,
War Pensions Appropriation Act 1929,
Customs Tariff Validation Act 1929,
Excise Tariff Validation Act 1929,*

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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 13th September, 1929.

DISSOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
ISSUE OF WRITS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE *COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA GAZETTE*, No. 86,
DATED 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1929.

PROCLAMATION.

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.
STONEHAVEN
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable John Lawrence, Baron Stonehaven, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, member of the Distinguished Service Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is provided that the Governor-General may from time to time by Proclamation or otherwise prorogue the Parliament, and dissolve the House of Representatives :

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to dissolve the House of Representatives :

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by this my Proclamation dissolve the House of Representatives as on and from the sixteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and I discharge Honorable Senators from attendance on that date.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Canberra, this thirteenth day of (L.S.) September, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and in the twentieth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
S. M. BRUCE.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

Canberra, 13th September, 1929.

ISSUE OF WRITS FOR A GENERAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

IT is hereby notified that, pursuant to the Constitution and the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1929*, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has this day been pleased to approve that Writs be issued on the twenty-third day of September, 1929, for a General Election of Members of the House of Representatives, and that the following dates shall be the dates for the purposes of the said elections :—

For the Nominations, Tuesday, the first day of October, 1929.
For the Polling, Saturday, the twelfth day of October, 1929.
For the Return of the Writs, on or before Tuesday, the twelfth day of November, 1929.

C. L. A. ABBOTT,
Minister of State for Home Affairs.

EXTRACT FROM THE *COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA GAZETTE*, No. 89,
DATED 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1929.

Canberra,

17th September, 1929.

ISSUE OF WRIT FOR AN ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
REPRESENT THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

IT is hereby notified that, pursuant to the Constitution, the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918-1929, and the *Northern Territory Representation Act* 1922-1925, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to approve that a Writ be issued on the twenty-third day of September, 1929, for an Election of a Member of the House of Representatives to represent the Northern Territory, and that the following dates shall be the dates for the purposes of the said Election :—

For the Nominations, Tuesday, the first day of October, 1929.

For the Polling, Saturday, the seventh day of December, 1929.

For the Return of the Writ, on or before Monday, the tenth day of February, 1930.

NEVILLE HOWSE,
for Minister of State for Home Affairs.