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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 38.
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1910-11.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 18.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

7th September, 1910.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 19.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

7th September, 1910.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. **SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT AND ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC.]**.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Fisher, having delivered the Budget Speech, moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, and Buildings.

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ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC.

Division No. 1. Subdivision No. 1.

Motion made, That Item No. 1, £41,000, be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Item No. 1 agreed to.

Item No. 2 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 2 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 3—

Item No. 1 agreed to.

Item No. 2 read.

Mr. Mathews moved an amendment—That the amount be reduced by £1.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. J. Johnson.
Mr. Beard	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wise	Mr. Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Jensen		Mr. Carr	Mr. Riley
Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Catts	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith
Sir John Quick	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Cook	Mr. Spence
		Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomson
		Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. West
		Mr. Howe	
		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Frank J. Foster
		Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Hall

And so it was negatived.

Item No. 2 agreed to.

Item No. 3 agreed to.

Item No. 4 debated and agreed to.

Item No. 5 agreed to.

Division No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 3 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 4 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 5 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 6 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 7 agreed to.

Division No. 8 agreed to.

Division No. 9 agreed to.

Division No. 10 agreed to.

Division No. 11 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 12 debated and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved, after debate—That the House will, this day, at a later hour, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to pass the Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1910-11 through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows:—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1910-11.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1910-11, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £2,324,496.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

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6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 11.
7. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1910-11.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1910-11, a sum not exceeding Two million three hundred and twenty-four thousand four hundred and ninety-six pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, at a later hour, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and adopted.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. **APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1910-11.**—Mr. Fisher 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 eleven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Cook 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 a later hour this day.

9. **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three o'clock p.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

10. **PAPER.**—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1910-11—Papers prepared by the Honorable Andrew Fisher for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1910-11.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to eight o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cann, Mr. Chapman, Mr. McDougall, and Mr. Ozanne.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.