

1913.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1913.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—REPORT.—Ordered—That Table No. 7A, accidentally omitted from the Report of the Postmaster-General's Department, be printed with the Report.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Department of the Treasury—
 Old-age and Invalid Pension—Report on extent of the granting of, in Australia—By
 G. H. Knibbs, Commonwealth Statistician.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Department—
 Naval Defence Act—Naval College Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1913,
 No. 308.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1912-13.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 27.*

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

Government House,
 Melbourne, 15th December, 1913.

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 28.*

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

Government House,
 Melbourne, 15th December, 1913.

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

15th December, 1913.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORFOLK ISLAND BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the acceptance of Norfolk Island as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof*", to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 15th December, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1913-14].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1913-14

Division No. 15 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 15A, 16, and 17 agreed to.

Division No. 18 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 19 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 20, 21, and 22 agreed to.

Division No. 23 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 24, 25, and 26 agreed to.

Division No. 27 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 28 to 32 agreed to.

Division No. 33 debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1913).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Four hundred thousand pounds for the purposes of further Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 15th December, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1913).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1912' and the 'Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1911'*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 15th December, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Committee of Public Accounts*", to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 15th December, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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10. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. James Bennett, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Dankel, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGrath (under suspension), Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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