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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH MAY, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating an additional Temporary Chairman of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate the Honorable Frederick William Bamford to act as an additional Temporary Chairman of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this thirteenth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

3. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—SECOND GENERAL REPORT.—Mr. Fowler, Chairman, brought up the Second General Report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and moved, That it be printed.
Question—put and passed.
4. SEA CARRIAGE—SELECT COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT.—Mr. McWilliams, Chairman, brought up an Interim Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon Australian Overseas and Inter-State Sea Carriage.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Rodgers rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The future marketing oversea of Australian surplus products, including wool, wheat, meat, butter, &c."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Rodgers moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

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6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday next.

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

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1917-18*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th May, 1920.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1918-19*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th May, 1920.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1917-18*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 17.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th May, 1920.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1918-19*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th May, 1920.

[*Sugar Purchase Bill (1920)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Sugar Purchase Act 1915-1917'*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th May, 1920.

8. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Taxation—Increases of Wealth (War)—Memoranda submitted by the Board of Inland Revenue to the Select Committee of the House of Commons. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Proclamation prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Meat. (Dated 27th April, 1920.)

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Victoria Park, Western Australia—For Repatriation purposes.

Public Service Act—Appointment of A. S. Robertson, Department of Works and Railways.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at—

Cranbourne, Victoria.

Footscray, Victoria.

Newtown, Geelong, Victoria.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 24th June next.

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10. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Bamford moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word “That” be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

“this House does now resolve that the Government be requested to increase the Parliamentary Allowance of Members to a sum not exceeding £1,000 per annum”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 16.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Hill
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Maxwell

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mahon
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Considine	Mr. Riley
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cunningham	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jackson	Mr. West
Mr. Kerby	Mr. Wise
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Mackay	Mr. James Page

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1920).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate has agreed to the new alternative amendment (inserting new Clause 47A.) made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “An Act to make provision for the Repatriation of Australian Soldiers and for other purposes.”

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Melbourne, 13th May, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF BILLS—ATTENDANCE IN OTHER HOUSE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which has been agreed to by the Senate, and requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein, viz.:—

“That the Standing Orders Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives be requested to consider the question of preparing Standing Orders providing that a Minister in either House may attend and explain and pilot through the other House any Bill of which he has had charge in his own House.”

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THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Lamond—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the Whole House be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

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13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at forty minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blundell, Mr. Chanter*, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Greene, Mr. Hay, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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