THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 168.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21st JULY, 1921.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2: Paper.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at East Maitland, New South Wales.
- 3. Supply Resolution [Supply Bill].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1921-22.

Debate resumed on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1921-22 a sum not exceeding £4,903,879.

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

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

- 4. Suspension of Standing Orders —Sir Joseph Cook 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.
- 5. Supply Resolution.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.
- 6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Supply Bill (No. 2) 1921-22.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1921-22, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £4,903,879.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Fleming 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 Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.

Ordered-That Sir Joseph Cook and Mr. Laird Smith do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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7. Supply Bill (No. 2) 1921-22. --Sir Joseph Cook 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-two," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. WAR SERVICE HOMES—PRINTING OF STATEMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That the statement made in Committee of Supply yesterday by the Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation, with reference to War Service Homes, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
- Post AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1921).—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1916.
 Question—put and passed.

Mr. Wise 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. Wise moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.

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

11. Message from the Deputy of the Governor-General.—Shale Oil Bounty Bill (1921).—
The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

STRADBROKE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 55.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that the appropriation of revenue made by the Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917 be made available for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That it is expedient that the appropriation of revenue made by the Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917 be made available for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.

Sir Joseph Cook 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 Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.

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

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Mr. Greene 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 to-morrow.

12. Adjournment.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past eleven 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. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Corser, Mr. Foley, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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