

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 1922.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1922-23.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

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 twenty-three,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th June, 1922.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

A Bill intituled "*Supply Act (No. 1) 1922-23,*" 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 Act.

Federal Government House,
Melbourne, 1st July, 1922.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mathews, for the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at South Brisbane, Queensland.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FINANCES, 1921-22.—Mr. Bruce, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in connexion with the Finances of the Commonwealth for the year 1921-22.

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

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 89.

Public Service Act—Appointments and Promotions of—

Dr. A. J. Bothamley and Dr. C. R. Wiburd, Department of Health.

F. Strahan, Prime Minister's Department.

H. J. Cross, Prime Minister's Department.

War Gratuity Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 87.

5th July, 1922.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—NO-CONFIDENCE AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—

“but we regret that your Advisers have made no provision to liberalize the old-age and invalid pensions.”

Mr. Greene 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 to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wise.

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