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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1922.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1922-23.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

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 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Brisbane, 10th August, 1922.

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

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 Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Brisbane, 10th August, 1922.

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

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Advisory Committee—Construction of Canberra—Second General Report.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 14 of 1922—
Australian Telegraphists' Union.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, after debate—That General Business be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 1, Government Business.
5. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1922-23].—
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Bruce, 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.

Question—proposed.

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

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

The House resumed; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

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

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6. PAPER.—Mr. Bruce presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1922-23—Papers presented by the Honorable S. M. Bruce for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1922-23.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONALITY BILL (1922).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Nationality Act 1920'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 17th August, 1922.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 the next sitting.

8. MEETING OF PARLIAMENT AT CANBERRA IN 1924.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Austin Chapman:—That, in the opinion of this House, His Majesty's Ministers of State for the Commonwealth should, after the Prorogation of the Session of Parliament in 1923, advise His Excellency the Governor-General to summon the Session to be held in 1924 at Canberra, the Federal Capital—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Francis addressing the House—

The time, as re-arranged for precedence to Orders of the Day, General Business, having terminated, the debate was interrupted and Notices of Motion, General Business, were called on.

9. OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS—INCREASE OF.—Mr. Austin Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, old-age and invalid pensions should be increased to One pound per week.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Higgs addressing the House—

The time, as re-arranged for precedence to General Business, having terminated, the debate was interrupted and Government Business was again called on.

10. TREATIES OF WASHINGTON BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, after debate, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8, Government Business.

12. STATUTORY DECLARATIONS BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. 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. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

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

And then the House, at half-past ten 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. Bamford, Mr. Gregory*, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Marr.

* On leave.

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