

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1922.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1922-23.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

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.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th August, 1922.

THOS. GIVEN,  
President.

3. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—SITTINGS DURING MEETINGS OF HOUSE.—Mr. Fowler moved, by leave, That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, so far as Members of the House of Representatives are concerned, have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fowler (in reply) addressing the House—

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day were called on.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable a decision to be arrived at on the motion moved by the honorable Member for Perth (Mr. Fowler).

Question—put and passed with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

Question—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, so far as Members of the House of Representatives are concerned, have leave to sit during the sittings of the House—put and passed.

4. DEFENCE RETIREMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Greene moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Blundell 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 the next sitting.

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

W. H. IRVINE,  
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

A Bill intituled "*Supply Act (No. 2) 1922-23,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 7.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on Goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand*", to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 18th August, 1922.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 106.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Gregory\*, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Marr, and Mr. Nicholls.

\* On leave.

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