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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

 THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1922).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Incomes.

Government House,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1922.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 126.
 - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1922—
 - No. 12—Examination of Engine-drivers.
 - No. 13—Trade Union.
4. RAILWAY GAUGE BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Unification of Railway Gauges in Australia.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Mr. Hughes 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 the next sitting.
5. CUSTOMS BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Rodgers 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. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

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6. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 26—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bruce—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Incomes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

7. PUBLIC SERVICE 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.
Mr. Charlton 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 a later hour this day.

8. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

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.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LAND TAX BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1910-1918,' and to repeal the 'Land Tax Act 1918,' the 'Land Tax Act 1919,' and the 'Land Tax Act 1920,'" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1922.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Representation of the Northern Territory in the Parliament of the Commonwealth," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1922.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SENATE ELECTIONS BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Senate Elections Act 1903,'" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th September, 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.

12. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Parliament House (Provisional) at Canberra—Plans in connexion with.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

And then the House, at seven 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. Blakeley, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lavelle*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Marr, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Pratten, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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