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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1922.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
3. PRIVILEGE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Groom (Attorney-General), by leave, made the following Statement :—
In accordance with the promise I made to the honorable Member for Darling, Mr. Blakeley, I have had inquiries made into the matter which he brought before the House with reference to the alleged breach of privilege.
From inquiry, I find that the summons was served, as stated, in the Queen's Hall, but that the gentleman who served the summons did not intend to commit any breach of privilege.
In view of the circumstances and the doubt that exists as to whether the Section under which the summons was issued might not be regarded as being of an administrative rather than of a penal nature, I am of opinion that it is not desirable to proceed further in the case. Those entrusted with the service of process of the Court should take steps to have summonses served in the ordinary way, as it is not a desirable practice that service should, under any circumstances, be made within the precincts of this House while the House is sitting.
4. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FARMERS' AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to ratify and approve an agreement made between Farmers' Bulk Grain Co-operative Company Limited, the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Honorable Thomas Pascoe, Minister of Agriculture in and for the State of South Australia, acting for and on behalf of His Majesty's Government of the said State.
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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
5. 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 provision of additional quarters at Point Cook, Victoria, for staff of the Royal Australian Air Force.
Ordered to be printed.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70 RE NEW BUSINESS AFTER 11 P.M.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 be suspended for the remainder of the Session.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
7. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL (1922).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920*.
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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—

Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

Nos. 15, 16, and 17 of 1922—Australian Postal Assistants' Union and the Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 18 of 1922—Professional Officers' Association.

No. 19 of 1922—Australian Telegraphists' Union.

No. 20 of 1922—Legal Professional Officers' Association.

9. IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate—

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 9, line 24, leave out "the business", insert "respect to the business in connexion with which bounty is payable".

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 9, line 26, leave out "the" (first occurring), insert "such".

Mr. Greene moved, That the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

° STRADBROKE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 31.*

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 an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of the Amendments requested by the Senate in Message No. 35 relating to a Bill for an Act to provide Superannuation Benefits for Persons employed by the Commonwealth and to make provision for the families of those persons.

Melbourne, 10th October, 1922.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith.

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. Groom—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of the Amendments requested by the Senate in Message No. 35 relating to a Bill for an Act to provide Superannuation Benefits for Persons employed by the Commonwealth and to make provision for the families of those persons.

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. Groom, was adopted by the House.

11. SUPERANNUATION BILL.—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments requested by the Senate—

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

No. 1.—Page 15, clause 52, line 41, after "fifty-seven" insert "or fifty-eight".

No. 2.—Page 17, clause 54, line 24, after "fifty-seven" insert "or fifty-eight".

No. 3.—Page 18, clause 55, line 13, after "fifty-seven" insert "or fifty-eight".

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the requested amendments were made.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

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12. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1922).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

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

Message No. 32.

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 an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Melbourne, 28th August, 1922.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith. 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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce 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 Mr. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Bruce 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.

Mr. Bruce 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. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
14. WAYS AND MEANS.—INCOME TAX BILL (1922).—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, after debate—That a tax be imposed on income derived from sources in Australia at the following amounts and rates, namely :—

A.—Rate of Tax upon Income Derived from Personal Exertion.

For so much of the whole taxable income as does not exceed £7,600 the average rate of tax per pound sterling shall be Threepence and three eight-hundredths of one penny where the taxable income is One pound sterling, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of One pound sterling of the taxable income by three eight-hundredths of one penny.

The average rate of tax per pound sterling for so much of the taxable income as does not exceed £7,600 may be calculated from the following formula :—

R = average rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.

I = taxable income in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left(3 + \frac{3}{800}I \right) \text{ pence.}$$

For every pound sterling of taxable income in excess of £7,600 the rate of tax shall be Sixty pence.

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B.—Rate of Tax upon Income Derived from Property.

(a) For such part of the taxable income as does not exceed £546 the average rate of tax per pound sterling shall be that given by the following formula :—

R = average rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.

I = taxable income in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left(3 + \frac{I}{181.058} \right) \text{ pence.}$$

(b) For such part of the taxable income as exceeds £546 but does not exceed £2,000, the additional tax for each additional pound of taxable income above £546 shall increase continuously with the increase of the taxable income in a curve of the second degree in such a manner that the increase of tax for One pound increase of taxable income shall be—

11.713 pence for the pound sterling between £545 10s. 0d. and £546 10s. 0d.

12.768 pence for the pound sterling between £599 10s. 0d. and £600 10s. 0d.

14.672 pence for the pound sterling between £699 10s. 0d. and £700 10s. 0d.

16.512 pence for the pound sterling between £799 10s. 0d. and £800 10s. 0d.

18.288 pence for the pound sterling between £899 10s. 0d. and £900 10s. 0d.

20.000 pence for the pound sterling between £999 10s. 0d. and £1,000 10s. 0d.

27.600 pence for the pound sterling between £1,499 10s. 0d. and £1,500 10s. 0d.

33.600 pence for the pound sterling between £1,999 10s. 0d. and £2,000 10s. 0d.

(c) For such part of the taxable income as exceeds £2,000, but does not exceed £6,500, the additional tax for each additional pound of taxable income above £2,000 shall increase continuously with the increase of the taxable income in a curve of the third degree in such a manner that the increase of tax for One pound increase of taxable income shall be—

33.600 pence for the pound sterling between £1,999 10s. 0d. and £2,000 10s. 0d.

40.000 pence for the pound sterling between £2,499 10s. 0d. and £2,500 10s. 0d.

45.300 pence for the pound sterling between £2,999 10s. 0d. and £3,000 10s. 0d.

49.600 pence for the pound sterling between £3,499 10s. 0d. and £3,500 10s. 0d.

53.000 pence for the pound sterling between £3,999 10s. 0d. and £4,000 10s. 0d.

55.600 pence for the pound sterling between £4,499 10s. 0d. and £4,500 10s. 0d.

57.500 pence for the pound sterling between £4,999 10s. 0d. and £5,000 10s. 0d.

58.800 pence for the pound sterling between £5,499 10s. 0d. and £5,500 10s. 0d.

59.600 pence for the pound sterling between £5,999 10s. 0d. and £6,000 10s. 0d.

60.000 pence for the pound sterling between £6,499 10s. 0d. and £6,500 10s. 0d.

(d) For every pound sterling of taxable income in excess of £6,500 the rate of tax shall be Sixty pence.

C.—Rates of Tax in respect of Taxable Income Derived Partly from Personal Exertion and Partly from Property.

(a) For every pound sterling of taxable income derived from personal exertion, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Subdivision A if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from personal exertion by the amount of the total taxable income.

(b) For every pound sterling of taxable income derived from property, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Subdivision B if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from property by the amount of the total taxable income.

D.—Additional Tax.

In addition to the tax payable under the preceding provisions, there shall be payable, in the case of incomes in respect of which the tax is calculated under Subdivision A, B or C, an additional tax equal to fifty-three and one-half per centum of the amount of the tax so calculated.

E.—Tax Payable in respect of a Prize in a Lottery.

There shall be payable in respect of a prize in a lottery paid in cash or by means of inscribed stock or bonds or other negotiable instruments, and won after the commencement of the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, income tax to the amount of twelve and one-half per centum of the gross prize money, or of the face value of the stock, bonds or instruments.

F.—Rates of Tax upon the Income of a Company.

(a) For every pound sterling of the taxable income of a Company which has not been distributed to the members or shareholders of the Company, the rate of tax shall be Two shillings and fivepence.

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(b) For every pound sterling of the income of a Company distributed to the members shareholders or stockholders of the Company who are absentees, and of interest paid or credited by the Company to any person who is an absentee in respect of debentures of the Company, or on money lodged at interest with the Company, by such person, the rate of tax shall be Sevenpence.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Bruce then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to Impose Taxes upon Incomes*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

15. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL (1922).—Mr. Bruce moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914-1916*.

Question—put and passed.

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

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. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

16. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.

17. SENATE ELECTIONS 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. Fleming 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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18. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1922).—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 36.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 36—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 89.—Page 34, clause 83, at end of clause add the following proviso :—

“Provided that any returned soldier who has been employed continuously for a period of not less than two years may be permanently appointed without examination if the Chief Officer certifies that the duties of such returned soldier have been performed in a satisfactory manner and that such duties are of a non-clerical character.”

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH A CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT.

Amendment of the House of Representatives No. 92, viz. :—

Page 34, clause 84, lines 47–49, omit “on being recommended for appointment to the Commonwealth Service shall only be required to pass such medical examination as will show that he is fit to perform the duties of an officer”, insert “may be appointed to the Commonwealth Service, although not free from physical defects due to service in the war, if it is certified by a medical practitioner approved by the Board that the soldier is free from such physical defects as would incapacitate him for the efficient discharge of the duties of the position to which he is to be appointed.”

Amendment agreed to by the Senate with the following consequential amendment in clause 84 :—

At end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

“(9) In the making of appointments to positions in the Commonwealth Service of a non-clerical nature the order of preference to returned soldiers shall be as follows :—

- (a) returned soldiers temporarily employed in the Commonwealth Service who have passed the prescribed examination ;
- (b) returned soldiers employed under the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920* or under the *War Service Homes Act 1918–1920*, who have passed the prescribed examination ;
- (c) returned soldiers who have been temporarily employed continuously for not less than two years, but have not passed the prescribed examination, and in respect of whom the Chief Officer certifies that their duties have been performed in a satisfactory manner :

Provided that any such appointment shall be to a position the duties of which are similar to those which the returned soldier has been performing ; and

- (d) returned soldiers not employed in the Commonwealth Service or under the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920* or the *War Service Homes Act 1918–1920*, who have passed the prescribed examination.”

Mr. Groom moved, That Amendment No. 89 be not insisted on, and that the consequential amendment made by the Senate to Amendment No. 92 in clause 84 be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL (1922).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

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

Message No. 33.

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 an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920.

Melbourne, 11th October, 1922.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith. 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. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920*.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

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

20. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL (1922).—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.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Hill	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Makin
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Bayley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Blundell	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Marks	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Burchell	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Considine	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Francis	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gabb	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gibson		Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Groom	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hay	Mr. Marr	Mr. Jackson	Mr. West
		Mr. Lambert	
		Mr. Lavelle	
		Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. Fenton
		Mr. Mahony	Mr. Riley

And so it was negatived.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPERANNUATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide Superannuation Benefits for Persons employed by the Commonwealth and to make provision for the families of those persons,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate, with the amendments indicated by the Schedule annexed.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House in the amendments made by the Senate.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 11th October, 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.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 11th October, 1922.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—IMMIGRATION LOAN BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 34.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of moneys to be loaned to, and the advancing and payment of moneys to, the States for the purposes of Immigration.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith.

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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. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of moneys to be loaned to, and the advancing and payment of moneys to, the States for the purposes of Immigration. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes 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 Mr. Hughes, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Hughes 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stewart 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.

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

Message No. 39.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to Impose Taxes upon Incomes*”, to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1922.

25. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—Finance 1921–22.—The Treasurer’s Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1922, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Ordered to be printed.

26. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—CUSTOMS TARIFF (SUGAR) AMENDMENTS.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Rodgers moved—That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1922 be amended as hereunder set out and that on and after the twelfth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, at nine o’clock in the forenoon, Victorian time, duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
28	By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 28. Sugar, the produce of Sugar cane, viz. :— (A) Raw per ton (B) White per ton	£9 6s. 8d. £11 6s. 8d.	£9 6s. 8d. £11 6s. 8d.	£9 6s. 8d. £11 6s. 8d.”
29	By omitting from the item the words “ per cwt. and inserting in their stead the words “ per ton	6s. £11 6s. 8d.	6s. £11 6s. 8d.	6s.” £11 6s. 8d.”
30	By omitting from the item the words “ per cwt. and inserting in their stead the words “ per ton	10s. £14	10s. £14	10s.” £14 ”
31	By omitting from the item the words “ per cwt. and inserting in their stead the words “ per ton	3s. £5 13s. 4d.	3s. £5 13s. 4d.	3s.” £5 13s. 4d.”

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Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

"an agreement should be made with regard to sugar control, and that the same should provide for fair and reasonable conditions for the producers and workers in the industry, and at the same time protect the consumers from exploitation by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company Ltd."

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

27. IMMIGRATION LOAN BILL.—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—

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. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* entry No. 23 *ante*) the Bill was read a third time.

28. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen 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. Anstey, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Nicholls*, Mr. Story, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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