

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 129.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ending 30th June, 1924.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Australian Imperial Force Canteens Fund Act—Auditor-General's Report in connexion with the Statement of Income and Expenditure to 30th June, 1924.  
 Public Service Act—First Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 100.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1923'* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 8th October, 1924.

Ordered, by leave—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 3, line 5, after "gold" insert ", or gold and copper provided that in this case the output of gold shall not be less than forty per centum of the total value of the output of the mine".
- No. 2.—Page 2, clause 4, line 37, after "sub-paragraph" insert "for the purposes of an assessment for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four or any subsequent year".
- No. 3.—Page 3, clause 4, line 1, leave out "shall be irrevocable", insert "for the purposes of an assessment for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four or any subsequent year shall be irrevocable, and shall, if the owner in the notice of his election so requires, apply to the assessment of his income tax for the financial year beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three".
- No. 4.—Page 3, clause 4, line 31, before "derived" insert "to an extent not exceeding one-third of the profits".
- No. 5.—Page 3, clause 4, line 37, leave out "upon", insert "in respect of".
- No. 6.—Page 8, clause 8, lines 9 and 10, leave out "whose taxable income does not exceed six hundred pounds".

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No. 7.—Page 9, clause 10, line 20, after lease (second occurring) insert “from the Commonwealth or a State”.

No. 8.—Page 9, after clause 14 insert the following new clause :—

“ 14A. After section ninety-three of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

‘ 93A. Where under any contract agreement or arrangement made or entered into in writing or verbally, either before or after the commencement of this Act, a person assigns, conveys, transfers or disposes of an income-producing asset on terms and conditions which include the payment for the assignment, conveyance, transfer or disposal of the asset by periodical payments which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, are really in the nature of income of the person assigning, conveying, transferring or disposing of the asset, that person shall be assessed to pay income tax upon those periodical payments.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—

Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Amendment No. 4 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 5 agreed to.

Amendment No. 6—

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Senate's Amendment be not agreed to, but that, in place thereof, clause 8 of the Bill be amended as follows :—

Page 8, line 10, omit “six hundred” insert “nine hundred”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

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

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 77.*

Bills intituled :—

“ *Income Tax Assessment (Live Stock) Act 1924* ”

“ *Audit Act 1924* ”

“ *Appropriation Act 1924-25* ”

“ *Income Tax Collection Act 1924* ”

“ *Bankruptcy Act 1924* ”,

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 Acts.

Government House,

Melbourne, 8th October, 1924.

5. EXPORT GUARANTEE BILL.—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. 76 — Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Guarantees of Advances made upon the Export of Produce and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook 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. Earle Page 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.

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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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Gabb, after debate, the following amendments were made :—

Lines 1–2, omit “ a banking corporation ”, insert “ the Commonwealth Bank or any other prescribed bank ”.

Line 3, omit “ corporation ”, insert “ bank ”.

Line 16, omit “ banking corporation ”, insert “ bank ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 debated—

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That the words “ and liability incurred ” be inserted after the word “ expenditure ” (line 33).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated—

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That the words “ provided that the total of such sums shall not exceed Two million pounds ” be inserted after the word “ Act ” (line 42).

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

“ 9. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Regulations Act, prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.”

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 2 and 4.

Question—put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

On recommitment—

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendment was made :—

Lines 6 to 9, omit “ the Minister declares, by notice in the *Gazette*, to be a Board controlling the export and marketing of any Australian produce to which this Act applies,” insert “, under any other Act, is vested with power to control the export and marketing of any Australian produce ;”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendment was made :—

Line 18, after “ guarantee ” insert “ not incurred before the date of the notice ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—LESSEE TAX BILL (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved—

1. That a tax, at the rate declared in this resolution, be imposed on every person who, being a lessee, receives, in the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, or in any subsequent financial year, any payment for, upon or in consideration of, the assignment or transfer of a lease to any other person after deducting therefrom—

(a) the part (if any) of such amount which, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Taxation, properly attributable to the transfer by him of any tangible assets belonging to the lessee (not including the unexpired portion of the lease assigned or transferred) ; and

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- (b) so much of any fine, premium or foregift paid by the lessee or of any amount paid by the lessee for the assignment or transfer of the lease as is properly attributable to the period of the lease unexpired at the time of the assignment or transfer by the lessee.
2. That the rate of the tax shall be ascertained as follows :—
- (a) (i) Where not less than one-third of the payment for, upon or in consideration of, the assignment or transfer of the lease is received in any financial year, the amount of the whole payment for the transfer or assignment, after making the deductions referred to in the last preceding clause, shall be divided by the number of years of the unexpired period of the lease as at the date of the making of the agreement for the assignment or transfer, or the date when the assignee or transferee became the lessee in respect of the lease so assigned or transferred, whichever is the later, and the amount so ascertained shall be added to the amount of income derived, during the financial year in which that part of the payment is received by the person assigning or transferring the lease ;
- (ii) The rate of income tax which would, under the law of the Commonwealth, be applicable to the aggregate amount ascertained under the last preceding sub-paragraph, if the whole of that amount were income, shall be the rate of tax payable under this resolution upon that part of the payment so received;
- (b) Where less than one-third of the amount remaining of the payment for, upon or in consideration of, the assignment or transfer of the lease, after making from that payment the deductions referred to in the last preceding clause, is received in any financial year, the rate of tax upon the amount so received shall be the rate which would be applicable, under the law of the Commonwealth, if that amount were income and were included in the income derived, during that financial year by the person assigning or transferring the lease.
3. That the law for the time being in force relating to the assessment and collection of Income Tax shall apply to the assessment and collection of the tax imposed by this resolution.
- 4—(1.) That clauses one, two and three of this resolution: shall not apply to the proceeds of the assignment or transfer of—
- (a) the lease of a mining property (other than coal mining) where the Commissioner of Taxation is satisfied that the lease has been assigned or transferred—
- (i) by a *bona fide* prospector ; or
- (ii) by a person, partnership, syndicate or company that does not make a business of buying or selling mining properties, and that purchased the lease from a *bona fide* prospector and worked the property in a proper and efficient manner; and
- (b) a lease from the Commonwealth or a State being a perpetual lease without revaluation or a lease with a right of purchase.
- (2.) For the purposes of this clause “prospector” includes a person who, though not personally performing the work of prospecting, has a liability under a contract or arrangement, to contribute to the costs of prospecting, and who is entitled to the whole or a part of any profits resulting from the sale of a lease of a mining property discovered during that prospecting.
5. That where estate duty is paid under any law of the Commonwealth upon the amount calculated for the purposes of estate duty as being the value of a lease forming part of the estate of a deceased person and the lease is assigned or transferred by the executors, administrators or trustees of that estate or by a beneficiary entitled to the lease, the tax under this resolution, in respect of the payment made for, upon or in consideration of, the assignment or transfer of the lease, shall be payable only upon the amount (if any) by which that payment, after making deductions corresponding to those mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of clause one of this resolution, exceeds the amount calculated for the purposes of estate duty.
6. That where any person, being a lessee, has at any time prior to the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, received any amount of any payment for, upon or in consideration of, the assignment or transfer of a lease to any other person, a tax be imposed upon that person to the amount which would have been payable under the law of the Commonwealth, if such amount (if any) of that payment as remains after making deductions corresponding to those mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of clause one of this resolution had been income, and had been included in the income derived by that person during the financial year in which the payment was made :
- Provided that this clause shall not apply to any payment received prior to the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one which has not, under any law of the Commonwealth relating to the imposition, assessment or collection of Income Tax, been included in the assessment, for the purposes of Income Tax, of the income of the person who received the payment.
7. That where, under any law of the Commonwealth relating to the imposition, assessment or collection of income tax in assessing for the purposes of income tax, the income of any person in any financial year, any payment or part of a payment for, upon or in consideration of, the assignment or transfer of a lease by that person has, prior to the commencement of the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, been included as income, the amount so included shall be deemed to be and to have been legally included, and the amount of tax attributable to the inclusion of that amount shall be deemed to be and to have been legally paid or payable and to have been tax imposed in accordance with this resolution.

8. That this resolution shall not apply to the payment made for, upon or in consideration of, the assignment or transfer of a lease in respect of which any person has, before the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four—

- (a) obtained a judgment of the High Court in his favour in respect of his right to a deduction of the value of the lease so transferred or assigned by him ; or  
(b) applied to the Commissioner of Taxation for the transmission to a Court of an objection to the taxation of the value of the lease so transferred or assigned by him.

Ordered—That the motion be put by paragraphs.

Paragraph 1—

Mr. Duncan-Hughes moved, as an amendment, That the paragraph be amended by omitting from lines 2 and 3 the following words :—“ in the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, or in any subsequent financial year,”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Manning
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Forde	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gibson	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Marr

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Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Frederick Francis	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Hurry	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Latham	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Manning moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the paragraph :—

“ Provided that after the date of the passing of this Bill no tax shall be payable if the vendor of such lease has held same for a period of not less than five years prior to such sale.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Paragraph agreed to.

Paragraph 2 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Hunter, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Sub-paragraph (a) (i)—omit “ Where not less than one-third of the payment for, upon or in consideration of, the assignment or transfer of the lease is received in any financial year,”.

Sub-paragraph (a) (i)—omit “ that part of ”.

Sub-paragraph (a) (ii)—omit “ that part of ”.

Omit sub-paragraph (b).

Paragraph, as amended, agreed to.

Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 agreed to.

Paragraph 6 debated and agreed to.

Paragraph 7 agreed to.

Paragraph 8—

On the motion of Mr. R. W. Foster, the following amendments were made :—

Sub-paragraph (b)—

Omit “ applied to ”, insert “ lodged with”.

Omit “ for the transmission to a Court of ”.

Paragraph, as amended, agreed to.

*New paragraph—*

Mr. Latham moved, as an amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to the motion :—

“ (9.) This Act shall not apply to any payment made for upon or in consideration of the assignment or transfer of a lease when the assignment or transfer was made between the delivery of the decision of the High Court in the case of *Dalbrymple v. the Commissioner of Taxation* and the date of this Act coming into operation.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

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. Earle Page 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.

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The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 101.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to approve and provide for the carrying out of an Agreement entered into between the Commonwealth of Australia and the States of New South Wales and Queensland respecting the Construction of a Railway of Standard Gauge between Kyogle and South Brisbane and the Re-grading and Re-laying of the Railway between Grafton and Kyogle and to authorize the Raising and Expending of Moneys for the purposes of the Agreement,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLAND,

Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 9th October, 1924.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 102.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Income Tax Assessment Act 1922–1923 ’,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate insists on its Amendment No. 6, not agreed to by the House of Representatives, and has disagreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in clause 8 of the Bill in place thereof.

The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect of its Amendment No. 6, to which the House has not agreed.

JOHN NEWLAND,

Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 9th October, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 103.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922 ’*”.

JOHN NEWLAND,

Deputy-President.

The Senate,

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 104.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to certain Assessments of War-time Profits,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLAND,

Deputy-President.

The Senate,

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11. SUPERANNUATION BILL (1924).—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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That the words “ who is less than sixty years of age, and ” (page 2, lines 41–2) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

*Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Watkins) ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that it would increase the appropriation.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the following amendments were made :—

Page 4, line 41, omit “ employee or ”.

Page 4, line 45, omit “ employee or ”.

Page 5, line 1, omit “ employee or ”.

Page 5, after line 5, insert—

“ (3.) An employee who is, prior to the commencement of this Part, a contributor under this Act shall not be required or permitted to contribute for units of pension under this Part nor shall pension be payable under this Part to or in respect of that employee unless, within three months after the commencement of this Part, he elects to contribute under this Part.

“ (4.) An employee, who is not, prior to the commencement of this Part, a contributor under this Act, shall not be required or permitted to contribute for units of pension under this Act, except in pursuance of the provisions of this Part, nor shall pension under this Act be payable to or in respect of that employee, except in pursuance of those provisions.

“ (5.) Where an employee, to whom sub-section (3.) of this section applies, makes an election in pursuance of that sub-section, the Board may, upon the commencement of his contributions under this Part, make such adjustments in relation to his contributions as the Board determines.”

Page 6, line 24, omit “ is paid under the *Defence Retirement Act 1922* ”, insert “ has been paid under the *Defence Retirement Act 1922* :

Provided that this section shall not apply to any person who, having received such compensation upon retirement or discharge, is re-appointed to the service and becomes a contributor.”

Page 7, lines 28–32, omit “ employee shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, not be entitled to pension under this Act, but shall be entitled to receive a refund of his contributions and such payment (if any) in the nature of deferred pay as is due to him under any other Act or under regulations under an Act ”, insert :—“ air officer or employee shall not be entitled to pension except in accordance with this section.

“ (2) An air officer or employee to whom this section applies may upon retirement—

(a) receive such amount of pension as is proportionate to the degree of his incapacity in relation to civil employment ; or

(b) if, within two months of his retirement, he so elects—receive payment in the form of a lump sum of such amount as is the actuarial equivalent of his contributions and of the share of pension payable by the Commonwealth and accruing to him under this Act.

“ (3.) Where an air officer or employee, who is in receipt of a pension under paragraph (a) of the last preceding sub-section, dies from any disease which, in the opinion of the Board, was the cause of his retirement, pension shall be payable to his widow at the rate of one-half of the pension for which the air officer or employee was contributing at the time of his retirement.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 14 and 15 agreed to.

*New Clauses—*

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following new clauses were inserted in the Bill :—

“ 4A. Section twelve of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the second proviso to sub-section (2.) thereof and inserting in its stead the following proviso :—

Commencement and cessation of contributions.

‘ Provided further that a contributor—

(a) who elects, or is called upon, to retire on or after attaining the age of sixty years and prior to attaining the age of sixty-five years ; or

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(b) whose maximum age for retirement is fixed at an earlier age than sixty-five years but not less than sixty years, and who retires on attaining the age so fixed, may contribute, in a lump sum or in such smaller sums, and at such periods as the Board approves, the actuarial equivalent of the amount necessary to complete his payments to the fund up to a later age (not exceeding the age of sixty-five years).”

“ 7A. Section twenty-four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the words ‘ who has been in the service for not less than seven years and ’ ”.

Break-down retirement.

Mr. Forde moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

9A. Section thirty-four of the Principal Act is amended by the deletion of the word “ female ” and the substitution of “ his ” for “ her ” wherever occurring.

Debate ensued.

*Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Watkins) ruled the proposed new clause out of order on the ground that it would increase the appropriation.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

“ 10A. Section forty-seven of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :—

‘ 47.—(1.) Pensions shall be paid in fortnightly instalments.

‘ (2.) In order to ascertain the amount of an instalment of a pension covering a period of a fortnight the annual pension shall be divided by twenty-six.’ ”.

Payment of pension instalments.

Mr. Forde moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

10B. Section fifty of the Principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words “ not less than two-thirds of ” and the insertion in place thereof of the words “ equal to ”.

Debate ensued.

*Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Watkins) ruled the proposed new clause out of order on the ground that it would increase the appropriation.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

“ 13A.—(1.) Section seventy-six of the Principal Act is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sub-section :—

Officers transferred to Shipping Board.

‘ (2.) This Act shall apply to any officer of the Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers—

(a) who, immediately prior to his becoming an officer of the Line, was an officer of the Commonwealth Public Service ; and

(b) who was a contributor under this Act.

in like manner as if he had remained an officer of the Commonwealth Public Service.’ ”.

“ (2.) This section shall be deemed to have commenced upon the date of the commencement of the Principal Act.”

And the Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 14.

Motion temporarily withdrawn.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION BILL. (1924).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 78.*

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 amendments to be moved by the Treasurer to a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922*.

Government House,

Melbourne, 6th October, 1924.

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.



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*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Treasurer to a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922*.

Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.  
The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

13. SUPERANNUATION BILL (1924).—Proceedings resumed (*see Entry No. 11 ante*).  
Mr. Coleman again moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 14.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

*On recommital—*  
Clause 14—

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment, That the clause be amended by the addition of the following words after the words " Provided that " (line 37) :—

" upon receipt of an adverse report by the Board, and before a determination is arrived at the contributor shall have the right to a second medical report from a doctor mutually agreed upon by the contributor and the Board.

Provided further that"

Amendment agreed to.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Reports, and the Bill was read a third time.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 105.*

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*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 9th October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (No. 3) (1924) [£850,000].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 106.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 9th October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

16. IMMIGRATION BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.  
Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.  
Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories), the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, lines 5–12, omit paragraphs (c) and (d), insert the following paragraph :—

" and (c) by omitting sub-section (5)."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

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*New Clauses—*

Mr. Atkinson moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

5A. After section eight B of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“ 8c. Where, under this Act, any person is required to be deported from the Commonwealth, or the Minister has made an order for his deportation, the person may—

(a) until he is placed on board a vessel for deportation from Australia ;

(b) at any port in Australia at which the vessel calls after he has been placed on board ; and

(c) on board the vessel until her departure from her last port of call in Australia, be kept in such custody as the Minister or an officer directs.”

Safe custody pending or in course of deportation.

Debate ensued.

New clause, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

5B. Section twelve A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “ Penalty : One hundred pounds or six months’ imprisonment or both.” and inserting in their stead the words “, and be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of Two hundred pounds or six months’ imprisonment or both.”

Penalty for being concerned in bringing immigrants secretly to the Commonwealth.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

17. MEAT INDUSTRY ENCOURAGEMENT 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

18. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Nos. 6 and 7, be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 8, Government Business.

19. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1921-22, 1922-23, AND 1923-24.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 79.*

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

Melbourne, 24th March, 1924.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 80.*

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

Melbourne, 24th March, 1924.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 81.*

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

Government House,

Melbourne, 3rd April, 1924.

9th and 10th October, 1924.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 82.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1924.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 83.*

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

Government House,  
Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 84.*

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

Government House,  
Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.

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

20. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1921-22, 1922-23, and 1923-24.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1921-22.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1921-22, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

	£
I. The Parliament .. .. .	5,708
II. The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	146,504
III. The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	184,366
IV. The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	7,985
V. The Home and Territories Department .. .. .	109,116
VI. The Department of Defence—Military .. .. .	16,070
VII. The Department of the Navy .. .. .	2,310
VIII. The Department of Navy and Defence—Air Services .. .. .	52,056
IX. The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	43,030
X. The Department of Works and Railways .. .. .	11,066
XI. The Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	331,798
XII. The Department of Health .. .. .	43,701
XIII. War Services .. .. .	74,207
Total .. .. .	1,027,917

Debate ensued.

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment, That the total amount of the Supplementary Estimates (£1,027,917) be reduced by £6,500.

Debate continued.

Question—That the total amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Makin		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Frederick McDonald	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
		Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Debate on motion continued.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Earle Page moved the following five motions :—

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1921-22.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1921-22, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &amp;c., a further sum not exceeding £384,155.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1922-23.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1922-23 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

	£
I. The Parliament .. .. .	1,528
II. The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	35,667
III. The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	439,567
IV. The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	8,133
V. The Home and Territories Department .. .. .	21,880
VI. The Department of Defence .. .. .	6,446
VII. The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	622,708
VIII. The Department of Works and Railways .. .. .	33,630
IX. The Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	23,311
X. The Department of Health .. .. .	7,039
XI. War Services .. .. .	7,709
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	1,207,618
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Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	141,990
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Total .. .. .	1,349,608

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1922-23.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1922-23, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &amp;c., a further sum not exceeding £28,128.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1923-24.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1923-24, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

	£
I. The Parliament .. .. .	1,399
II. The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	299,027
III. The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	453,675
IV. The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	13,364
V. The Home and Territories Department .. .. .	41,419
VI. The Department of Defence .. .. .	88,351
VII. The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	76,365
VIII. The Department of Works and Railways .. .. .	34,423
IX. The Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	266,399
X. The Department of Health .. .. .	24,584
XI. War Services .. .. .	15,821
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Total .. .. .	1,314,827

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1923-24.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1923-24 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £64,526.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

21. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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.
22. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), were adopted by the House.
23. WAYS AND MEANS [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1921-22, 1922-23, and 1923-24].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved the following six motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1921-22.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1921-22 there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,027,917.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1921-22.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1921-22, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £384,155.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1922-23.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1922-23, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,349,608.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1922-23.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1922-23, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £28,128.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1923-24.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1923-24 there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,314,827.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1923-24.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1923-24, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £64,526.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr

Noes, 12.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

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The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

24. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1921-22.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Earle Page 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed: Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

25. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXPORT GUARANTEE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate —

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives a Bill for “*An Act to provide for Guarantees of Advances made upon the Export of Produce and for other purposes,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 10th October, 1924, a.m.

26. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1921-22.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Earle Page 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

27. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1922-23.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Earle Page 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

28. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1922-23.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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Mr. Earle Page 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

29. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1923-24.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Earle Page 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

30. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1923-24.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Earle Page 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

31. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MEAT INDUSTRY ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 108.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to encourage and improve the Meat Industry of Australia,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JOHN NEWLAND,

Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 10th October, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

32. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 102.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 102—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider Senate Message No. 102 [see page 494 ante].

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Committee insists on not agreeing to Amendment No. 6 of the Senate, and insists on the amendment made by the House in clause 8.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report.

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33. MEAT INDUSTRY ENCOURAGEMENT BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—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 Amendment, made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 4, clause 9, at end of sub-clause (1.) add the following proviso :—

“ Provided that action taken under paragraph (b) or (d) of this sub-section shall not apply to any State in which there is not a law in force of the nature specified in sub-section (7.) of section four of this Act.”

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), Amendment agreed to.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the House adopted the Report.

34. ZOOLOGICAL MUSEUM AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

35. STATISTICAL BUREAU (TASMANIA) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

36. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPERANNUATION BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Superannuation Act 1922’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1924.

Ordered, by leave—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 8, clause 16, lines 35–37, leave out “ (1.) Section thirty-six of this Act shall not apply so as to entitle an employee who was a contributor under this Act, or an air officer, to receive a pension.”.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), Amendment agreed to.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report.



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37. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—IMMIGRATION BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Immigration Act 1901-1920'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to Amendment No. 2 made by the House of Representatives, and has disagreed to Amendment No. 1, for the reason set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect to the Amendment disagreed to.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1924.

Ordered, by leave—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment disagreed to by the Senate, which is as follows :—

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

No. 1.—Page 4, clause 5, omit paragraphs " (c) and (d) " and insert the following paragraph in place thereof :—

" and

(c) by omitting sub-section (5)."

(Reason of the Senate for Disagreeing to Amendment No. 1 of the House of Representatives.)

The Amendment was intended to be complementary to a proposed new clause ; such new clause in fact was not inserted, and consequently the Amendment is not required.

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories), Amendment No. 1 not insisted on.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

38. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1921-22].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

[Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1921-22].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 112.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

[Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1922-23].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 113.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

9th and 10th October, 1924.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1922-23*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 114.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1923-24*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 115.

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 ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1923-24*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 116.

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 ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

39. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—NORTH-SOUTH RAILWAY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a proposed agreement between the Commonwealth and South Australian Governments in relation to the construction of a railway to the Macdonnell Ranges.

40. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.  
Question—put and passed.

41. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.  
Question—put and passed.

42. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
New Guinea—Statement of Accounts of the Expropriation Board, 1922-23.  
Northern Territory—Report on causes of heavy Mortality in Stock after travelling between Wycliffe and Taylor, by Alfred J. Ewart.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 147.  
Dried Fruits Advances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 144.  
Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for relief from Taxation.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 145, 146.  
Superannuation Act—Report of the Superannuation Fund Management Board, 1923-24.

43. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 117.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1923'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate no longer insists upon its Amendment No. 6, to which the House of Representatives has insisted on not agreeing, and now agrees to the amendment made by the House in clause 8 of the Bill in place thereof.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th October, 1924

JOHN NEWLAND,  
Deputy-President.

9th and 10th October, 1924.

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44. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past four o'clock on Friday afternoon, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bayley\*, Mr. Blakeley, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton\*, Sir Littleton Groom\*, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney\*, Mr. Marks\*, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Nelson, Mr. E. C. Riley, and Sir Granville Ryrie\*.

\*On leave.

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FRANK L. CLAPIN,  
*Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

1923-24.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-  
GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received after the adjournment of the House on the 10th October, 1924 :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 85.*

Bills intituled :—

*Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924*  
*Dairy Produce Export Charges Act 1924*  
*Dried Fruits Export Control Act 1924*  
*Dried Fruits Export Charges Act 1924*  
*Export Guarantee Act 1924*  
*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1924*  
*Loan Act (No. 3) 1924*  
*Superannuation Act 1924*  
*Commonwealth Public Service Act 1924*  
*Immigration Act 1924*  
*Statistical Bureau (Tasmania) Act 1924*  
*Zoological Museum Agreement Act 1924*  
*Income Tax Act 1924*  
*Income Tax Assessment Act 1924*  
*Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1924*  
*War-time Profits Tax Assessment Act 1924*  
*Grafton to South Brisbane Railway Act 1924*  
*Meat Industry Encouragement Act 1924*  
*Supplementary Appropriation Act 1921-22*  
*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1921-22*  
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*Supplementary Appropriation Act 1923-24*  
*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1923-24*

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 Acts.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 20th October, 1924.

## PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

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EXTRACT FROM THE *COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA GAZETTE*,  
No. 37, DATED 1st MAY, 1925.

### PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to wit.	By His Excellency the Right Honorable Henry William, Baron Forster, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor- General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.
FORSTER, Governor-General.	

WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also from time to time by Proclamation, or otherwise, prorogue the Parliament. Now therefore I, Henry William, Baron Forster, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Constitution, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Parliament until Wednesday, the tenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth at Sydney, this thirtieth day of April,  
(L.S.) in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the fifteenth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

S. M. BRUCE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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