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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1925.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Second Annual Report, for year ended 30th June, 1925.
Ordered to be printed.
3. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1925-26.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1925-26 a sum not exceeding £3,322,820.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

4. 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.
5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1925-26.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1925-26, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £3,322,820.

Question—put and passed.

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

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The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. 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 Sir Littleton Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1925-26.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then 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 ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six,*” 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.

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.*)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

The Schedule—

Part I.—

“I.—The Parliament, £12,235 ”—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £2.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O’Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Yates
Mr. Frederick McDonald	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Neville Howse
Mr. Bamford	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Hunter
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hill	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O’Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Frederick McDonald

Noes, 30.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Neville Howse
Mr. Bayley	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Gardner
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Question—That “I.—The Parliament, £12,235 ” be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Mann reported accordingly.

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

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVAL PROPERTIES TRANSFER BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to ratify an Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of the State of New South Wales respecting the surrender to the State of certain Land and for other purposes,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd September, 1925.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointment of P. F. Quigley, Department of Trade and Customs.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to 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. Gabb, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Manning, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. West.

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