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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 13TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General. *Message No. 39.*

A Bill intituled "*War-time Profits Tax Assessment Act 1926*," 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 Act.

Brisbane, 8th July, 1926.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Yeerongpilly, Queensland—For War Service Homes purposes.
 Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 87.
4. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT HOBART—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations :—

Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Hobart, Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, SYDNEY.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—The Erection of Commonwealth Offices, Sydney.

Mr. Hill having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
6. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Export of Canned Fruits and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Thomas Paterson 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. Thomas Paterson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Parker Moloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. JUDICIARY BILL (1926).—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 3 further considered.

Mr. Duncan-Hughes moved, as an amendment, That after the word "entitled" (page 1, line 21) the words " , subject to the next following sub-section," be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. E. C. Riley	Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Hill	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gregory		Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Lacey		Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Edward Riley	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Yates		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Duncan-Hughes, the following further amendments were made :—

Page 1, after line 21, insert the following new sub-section :—

(1A.) In the case of a Justice who retires after attaining the age of seventy years, the annual pension to which he is entitled shall be at a rate less than the rate specified in the last preceding sub-section by one-tenth for each year or part of a year of his age, in excess of seventy years, at the time of his retirement :

Provided that in the case of a Justice who at the commencement of this Act is more than seventy years of age, the annual pension to which he is entitled on retirement shall be at a rate less than the rate specified in the last preceding sub-section by one-tenth for each year or part of a year, after one year from the commencement of this Act, that elapses before his retirement.

Page 2, line 2, after "infirmity" insert "before reaching the age of seventy years".

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the following further amendment was made :—

Page 2, after sub-section (2.) insert the following new sub-section :—

(2A.) Where a Justice of the High Court has, prior to his appointment, served in any other judicial office under the Commonwealth, pension shall not be payable to him except in pursuance of this Act, but the term of his prior service shall, for the purposes of this section, be added to, and be deemed to be part of, his service as a Justice of the High Court.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Sir Granville Ryrie reported accordingly.

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

8. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. McGrath moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"this Bill be postponed pending an inquiry into the action of the Commissioners in letting a contract for the building of 300 houses involving the expenditure of £500,000 in Canberra."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Marr addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Gibson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Fenton, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Mr. Mann, Mr. Manning, Mr. Nott, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Pratten, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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