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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1927.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Business to be brought before the House during the remainder of the present Session.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
    Railways Act—Report, with Appendices, on Commonwealth Railway operations for 1926-27.  
    Ordered to be printed.  
    Public Service Act—Appointments—H. V. Golding and C. H. Kilian, Department of Health.
4. EXTENSION OF THE TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY FROM PORT AUGUSTA TO RED HILL, SOUTH AUSTRALIA—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* 1913-1921, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work:—  
    The extension of the Trans-Australian Railway from Port Augusta to Red Hill in South Australia, and the laying of a third rail to provide a railway of 4 ft. 8½ in. gauge on the South Australian 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway between Red Hill and the Central Railway Station, Adelaide, which said work was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and upon which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries.  
    Mr. Hill laid upon the table plans, books of references estimates, &c., in connexion with the proposed work.  
    Question—put and passed.
5. PORT AUGUSTA TO RED HILL RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Extension of the Trans-Australian Railway by the Construction of a Railway from Port Augusta to Red Hill, in the State of South Australia.  
    Question—put and passed.  
    Mr. Hill 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.  
    Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. LOAN BILL (No. 2) (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 75—  
    Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the following motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expenditure of certain Sums of Money.  
Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Mann reported accordingly.  
Mr. Earle Page moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

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Question—put and passed.

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. Thomas Paterson 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.

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.

Schedule—

Appropriation—“ War and Repatriation Services, £738,171 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Prime Minister’s Department, £230,000 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of the Treasury, £1,322,000 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Home and Territories Department, £23,000 ”—agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of Defence, £318,480 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of Trade and Customs, £56,508 ”—agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of Works and Railways, £1,533,900 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Postmaster-General’s Department, £2,960,650 ”—debated and agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Department of Health, £33,400 ”—agreed to.

Appropriation—“ Redemption—Port Augusta—Oodnadatta Railway Loans, £1,587 ”—agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley 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.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1927-28.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

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 ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th October, 1927.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1927-28.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

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 ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th October, 1927.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Neville Howse\*, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley\*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. E. C. Riley, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,  
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.

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