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(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1929.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ABSENCE FROM AUSTRALIA OF MINISTER FOR TRADE AND CUSTOMS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) announced to the House that, during the absence from Australia of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Mr. Fenton), representing the Commonwealth Government at the Five Power Naval Conference in London, the Department of Trade and Customs would be administered by Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister).
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KILLEN).—Mr. Earle Page moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Riverina (Mr. Killen) on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Geneva Convention and Convention for treatment of Prisoners of War—Report of the Australian Delegates at the Diplomatic Conference for the Revision of the Geneva Convention and the elaboration of an International Convention for the treatment of Prisoners of War, held at Geneva, July, 1929; together with copy of the Final Act, the revised Geneva Convention, and the Convention for the treatment of Prisoners of War.
 - International Exhibitions—Report of the Australian Representative at the Conference, held at Paris, November, 1928; together with copy of Convention, Protocol, and Protocol of signature.
 - Passenger Ships' Certificates and Emigrant Ship Regulations—Exchange of Notes between His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of India and the Italian Government, concerning the Reciprocal Recognition of Passenger Ships' Certificates and Emigrant Ship Regulations, January, 1929.
 - Postal Union—Report of the Australian Representative at the Congress of the Universal Postal Union held at London, May–June, 1929; together with copy of Convention.
 - Safety of Life at Sea—International Conference, held at London, April–May, 1929—Reports of Commonwealth Government's Representatives, together with copy of Convention signed at London, 31st May, 1929.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF BATHS, CANBERRA.—Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—The construction of Public Baths in Canberra.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (*see page 11*), That the first item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,300

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham, That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

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 the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1929.

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

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Culley, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Guy, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. Killen*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. McNeill.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.