

1914.
(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1914.

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, on Thursday, the eighth day of October, in the fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fourteen—

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of The Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Charles Gavan Duffy, C.M.G., Clerk of the House of Representatives, Walter Augustus Gale, Clerk Assistant, and Thomas Woollard, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk :—

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to wit. R. M. FERGUSON, Governor-General.	By His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, 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 in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.
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WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 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: Now therefore I, Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation appoint Thursday, the eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs. And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of Three o'clock p.m. on the said Thursday, the eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, in the fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(L.S.)

ANDREW FISHER.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTIES BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate :—

The Deputies of His Excellency the Governor-General for the opening of Parliament request the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly the Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Senior Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

His Excellency the Governor-General not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, and being pleased to cause letters patent to issue under the great seal of the Commonwealth constituting us his Deputies to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Commission was read, as follows :—

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, 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 in and over the Commonwealth of Australia :

To the Right Honorable Sir Samuel Walker Griffith, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, and the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the said Commonwealth, Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorize and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary to assign to him or them : Provided always that the appointment of such Deputy or Deputies should not affect the exercise by the Governor-General himself of any power or function :

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the eighteenth day of September, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the nineteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, Thursday, the eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, was appointed as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs ; and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of Three o'clock p.m. on the day and date aforesaid :

NOW KNOW YOU that in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputies for the purpose of declaring open the said Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, this first day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and in the fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

(L.S.) By His Excellency's Command,
ANDREW FISHER.

His Honour the Chief Justice then said :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

We have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that, as soon as the Members of the Senate and the Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place ; and it being necessary that a President of the Senate and a Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be first chosen, you, Gentlemen of the Senate, will proceed to choose some proper person to be your President, and you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, will retire to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker ; and thereafter you will respectively present the persons whom you shall so choose to His Excellency, at such time and place as he shall appoint.

Sir Edmund Barton will attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the oath or affirmation of allegiance to honorable Members of that House.

And thereupon the Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes —

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3. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—The Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, a Justice of the High Court of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows :—

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, 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 in and over the Commonwealth of Australia :

To the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Senator and every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you to attend at Parliament House, Melbourne, on Thursday, the eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, at Three o'clock p.m., there and then to administer the Oath or Affirmation to such Members of the House of Representatives as are present.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this first day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

(L.S.) R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
ANDREW FISHER.

4. RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General the 75 writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 5th September, 1914.

By the Returns indorsed on the several Writs it appeared that for the several Electoral Divisions of the States the following gentlemen had been elected, as shown hereunder :—

Division.	State.	Name.
Adelaide	.. South Australia	.. George Edwin Yates.
Angas ..	.. South Australia	.. Patrick McMahon Glynn.
Balaclava	.. Victoria ..	.. William Alexander Watt.
Ballaarat..	.. Victoria ..	.. David Charles McGrath.
Barker ..	.. South Australia	.. John Livingston.
Barrier ..	.. New South Wales	.. Josiah Thomas.
Bass ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. Jens August Jensen.
Batman ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Frank Brennan.
Bendigo ..	.. Victoria ..	.. John Andrew Arthur.
Boothby ..	.. South Australia	.. George Dankel.
Bourke ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Frank Anstey.
Brisbane	.. Queensland ..	.. William Fyfe Finlayson.
Calare ..	.. New South Wales	.. Henry Robert Maguire Pigott.
Capricornia	.. Queensland ..	.. William Guy Higgs.
Cook ..	.. New South Wales	.. James Howard Catts.
Corangamite	.. Victoria ..	.. James Chester Manifold.
Corio ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Alfred Thomas Ozanne.
Cowper ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Thomson.
Dalley ..	.. New South Wales	.. Robert Howe.
Dampier	.. Western Australia	.. Henry Gregory.
Darling ..	.. New South Wales	.. William Guthrie Spence.
Darling Downs	.. Queensland Littleton Ernest Groom.
Darwin Tasmania King O'Malley.

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Division.	State.	Name.
Denison ..	Tasmania ..	William Henry Laird Smith.
East Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	John Edward West.
Echuca ..	Victoria ..	Albert Clayton Palmer.
Eden-Monaro ..	New South Wales ..	Austin Chapman.
Fawkner ..	Victoria ..	Joseph Francis Hannan.
Flinders ..	Victoria ..	William Hill Irvine.
Franklin ..	Tasmania ..	William James McWilliams.
Fremantle ..	Western Australia ..	Reginald John Burchell.
Gippsland ..	Victoria ..	George Henry Wise.
Grampians ..	Victoria ..	Edward Francis George Jolley.
Grey ..	South Australia ..	Alexander Poynton.
Gwydir ..	New South Wales ..	William Webster.
Henty ..	Victoria ..	James Arthur Boyd.
Herbert ..	Queensland ..	Frederick William Bamford.
Hindmarsh ..	South Australia ..	William Oliver Archibald.
Hume ..	New South Wales ..	Robert Patten.
Hunter ..	New South Wales ..	Matthew Charlton.
Illawarra ..	New South Wales ..	George Mason Burns.
Indi ..	Victoria ..	Parker John Moloney.
Kalgoorlie ..	Western Australia ..	Hugh Mahon.
Kennedy ..	Queensland ..	Charles McDonald.
Kooyong ..	Victoria ..	Robert Wallace Best.
Lang ..	New South Wales ..	William Elliot Johnson.
Lilley ..	Queensland ..	Jacob Stumm.
Macquarie ..	New South Wales ..	Ernest Shoobridge Carr.
Maranoa ..	Queensland ..	James Page.
Maribyrnong ..	Victoria ..	James Edward Fenton.
Melbourne ..	Victoria ..	William Robert Nuttall Maloney.
Melbourne Ports ..	Victoria ..	James Mathews.
Moreton ..	Queensland ..	Hugh Sinclair.
Nepean ..	New South Wales ..	Richard Beaumont Orchard.
Newcastle ..	New South Wales ..	David Watkins.
New England ..	New South Wales ..	Percy Phipps Abbott.
North Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	Granville de Laune Ryrie.
Oxley ..	Queensland ..	James Benjamin Sharpe.
Parkes ..	New South Wales ..	Bruce Smith.
Parramatta ..	New South Wales ..	Joseph Cook.
Perth ..	Western Australia ..	James Mackinnon Fowler.
Richmond ..	New South Wales ..	Walter Massy Greene.
Riverina ..	New South Wales ..	John Moore Chanter.
Robertson ..	New South Wales ..	William Montgomerie Fleming.
South Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	Edward Riley.
Swan ..	Western Australia ..	John Forrest.
Wakefield ..	South Australia ..	Richard Witty Foster.
Wannon ..	Victoria ..	Arthur Stanislaus Rodgers.
Wentworth ..	New South Wales ..	William Henry Kelly.
Werriwa ..	New South Wales ..	John Lynch.
West Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	William Morris Hughes.
Wide Bay ..	Queensland ..	Andrew Fisher.
Wilmot ..	Tasmania ..	Llewelyn Atkinson.
Wimmera ..	Victoria ..	Sydney Sampson.
Yarra ..	Victoria ..	Frank Gwynne Tudor.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the Oath required by law, except Mr. Arthur, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Stumm (who were not then present).

The Commissioner retired

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr Laird Smith, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable Charles McDonald, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Parker Moloney.

Then Colonel Ryrie, addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable William Elliot Johnson, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Sir Robert Best.

The Honorable Charles McDonald submitted himself to the House.

The Honorable William Elliot Johnson also submitted himself to the House.

The Question—That the Honorable Charles McDonald do take the Chair of the House as Speaker—was put by the Clerk,

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The House divided—

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Chapman	Mr. Patten
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Piggott
Mr. Burns	Mr. Page	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sharpe	Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Greene	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Watkins	Sir William Irvine	Sir Robert Best
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster	Mr. Livingston	Colonel Ryrie
Mr. Hannan	Mr. West		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Howe	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. Jensen			
Mr. Jolley	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Parker Moloney		
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Laird Smith		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. McDonald was then taken out of his place by Mr. Laird Smith and Mr. Parker Moloney, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. Fisher and Mr. Joseph Cook congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Fisher stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament forthwith.

Mr. Speaker then went with the Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.

8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair until a quarter to eight o'clock p.m., and Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair at that hour—

9. THE LATE HONORABLE SENATOR MCGREGOR.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That this House places upon record its high appreciation of the great public services of the late Honorable Senator Gregor McGregor, and tenders its sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow and relatives of an eminent citizen, whose decease is a great loss to the Commonwealth.

And Mr. Joseph Cook having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—Question—passed.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister's Department—

Double Dissolution—Correspondence between the late Prime Minister (the Right Honorable Joseph Cook) and His Excellency the Governor-General.

War with Germany—

Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 8th September, 1914, embodying Message from His Majesty the King to the Governments and Peoples of His self-governing Dominions.

Correspondence, &c., respecting the European Crisis.

Cablegrams re offer by Commonwealth Government of further Brigade of Light Horse, with Brigade Train and Field Ambulance complete.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

11. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1914).—Mr. Fisher moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1911*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fisher 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 to-morrow.

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12. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows :—

GENTLEMEN,

As a result of the election consequent upon the dissolution of both Houses of Parliament the late Ministry tendered their resignations. I have appointed new Advisers, who assumed office on the 17th September.

2. You have been called together at the earliest moment after the return of the writs to deal with matters of great national importance, many of them arising out of the calamitous war in which the Empire has been compelled to engage. It is a matter for lasting satisfaction that every part of the Empire has responded with splendid devotion to the call of duty in the cause of Civilization and Justice and of those high ideals for which the Empire stands.

3. Immediately upon the declaration of war the Commonwealth offered to raise, equip, and maintain an Expeditionary Force of 20,000 men for service in Europe with the armies of the Empire. Further units have been since offered. These offers having been accepted by the Imperial Government, the Expeditionary Forces will be despatched from time to time. Additional troops will be sent to Europe as required, until peace upon terms satisfactory to the Allies has been secured.

I am confident that the personnel, materiel, and equipment of our Australian troops will enable them to worthily uphold the reputation of Australia and the traditions of the British race.

4. It has been necessary to anticipate Parliamentary approval of expenditure urgently required for war purposes. A Bill covering all such unauthorized expenditure will be submitted for your consideration at the earliest possible moment.

5. Financial proposals to meet the exceptional conditions arising out of the war, and the consequent dislocation of trade and commerce, are under consideration by my Advisers, and will shortly be laid before you.

6. Proposals for a pension scheme for Australians engaged on active service and their dependents will also be laid before you.

7. Upon the declaration of war the Australian Navy was immediately placed at the disposal of the Admiralty. Acting in conjunction with Expeditionary Forces of New Zealand and the Commonwealth, it has rendered considerable service to the Empire in Samoa and New Guinea. By its presence and activity these waters have been kept clear of enemy ships, and our maritime commerce has been continued uninterrupted: thus amply vindicating the policy of an Australian Navy.

8. The disappearance of the Australian submarine *AE 1* and the loss of its gallant crew are deeply regretted. My Advisers join in the universal sorrow felt for the other brave men who have perished on land and sea in defence of the Empire.

9. In recognition of the heroic sacrifices of the people of Belgium during the present war, my Advisers intend to invite Parliament to make a free gift of £100,000 to that nation.

10. My Advisers recognise the necessity, caused by the higher cost of commodities, of increasing old-age and invalid pensions, and also for the provision of pensions to widows and orphan children. Legislation to effect these objects will be introduced as soon as the state of the finances makes it practicable.

11. The necessity of restoring normal conditions in Australian industries is fully recognised by my Advisers. To that end Commonwealth public works will be vigorously proceeded with, and active measures will be taken to co-operate with the State Governments, and also to supplement as far as practicable the efforts of individual employers.

12. To promote the establishment of new Australian Industries, and further develop those already established, it is intended to amend the Tariff.

13. Measures will be introduced to promote the production and manufacture of raw material for which no market is now open, and to secure new markets for the manufactured goods of Australia.

14. The scheme for the utilization of the Murray waters, approved at the Premiers' Conference in 1913, will receive early consideration.

15. A uniform gauge for the railways, essential to the effective defence and development of Australia, has now become a matter of such urgency that my Advisers propose to take early steps to initiate this great National work.

16. Proposals to amend the Constitution will be placed before you at an early date.

17. Legislation to enable electors to initiate and veto legislation will be introduced.

18. The prospects of the pastoral and mining industries in the Northern Territory have improved, and earnest attention is being given to the effective development of the Territory by railway and other public works.

19. The extension of Government influence amongst the natives of Papua is proceeding satisfactorily. A scientific expert has furnished an encouraging report on the petroleum field near the Vailala River. Provision for further operations in this district will be made on the Estimates. Many plantations have now come into bearing and should shortly yield substantial profits. The revenue of the Territory is being well maintained.

20. Provision will be made for the development of the resources of Norfolk Island, which has recently been added to the Territories of the Commonwealth.

21. It is intended to proclaim the Navigation Act at the earliest possible moment.

22. My Advisers are in favour of establishing a line of Commonwealth steamers, and steps towards that end will be taken as soon as practicable.

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23. Legislation to deal with rights under the Patents and Trade Marks Acts held by alien enemies will be introduced.

24. A measure will be introduced, on the lines of legislation passed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom last month, to place the law as to trading with the enemy on a statutory basis.

25. Legislation will be introduced, in pursuance of the power conferred by section 76 of the Constitution, to invest the High Court of Australia with original jurisdiction in Admiralty and Maritime matters, and to constitute that Court a Colonial Court of Admiralty.

26. A Bill to amend the Arbitration Act will be shortly introduced.

27. The Electoral Act calls for amendment in certain directions. My Advisers intend to introduce amending legislation.

28. A Bill relating to Banking will also be submitted for your consideration.

29. My Advisers propose to proceed with the consideration of a Bankruptcy Bill and an Insurance Bill on lines similar to those of Bills which were introduced in a previous session.

30. Uniform legislation relating to Marriage, Divorce, and Matrimonial Causes upon lines already covered by existing State legislation will be introduced.

31. Measures will be submitted—

To prevent women losing their national rights through marriage with foreigners ;

To amend the Commonwealth Bank Act ;

To deal with offences against the Commonwealth.

32. In order to complete the constitution of the Naval Board, Mr. J. A. Jensen, M.P. Assistant Minister for Defence, will be appointed as Finance Member.

Commending your deliberations to the guidance of Divine Providence, I now leave you to your high and responsible duties.

13. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Fisher moved, That a Committee consisting of Mr. Jolley, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Hughes be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament and that the Committee do report this day.

Question—put and passed.

14. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1914, together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister's Department—

Dominions Royal Commission. (Imperial)—Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions—
Third Interim Report.

Minutes of Evidence—Taken in London, January, 1914, and Papers laid before the Commission.

Fruit Industry—Royal Commission—

Final Majority Report.

Final Minority Report.

Powellised Timber—Royal Commission—Report.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—

List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, as on 30th June, 1914.
Temporary Employés—Return for year 1913–14.

Regulations Amended—

(Provisional) Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 94, 138.

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 113, 136, 137.

Department of the Treasury—

Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 77, 85.

Public Service Act—

Promotions of—

C. J. W. Gillan, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accountant's Branch.

T. O'Donnell, as Clerk, 4th Class, Pensions and Maternity Allowances Branch,
Central Staff.

P. Rees, as Clerk, 4th Class, Correspondence Branch.

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Attorney-General's Department—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulation Amended—

Statutory Rules 1914, No. 75.

Patents Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1914, No. 69.

Public Service Act—

Appointment of L. N. Thom as Deputy Examiner, Class E, Professional Division
Patents and Trade Marks Branch.

Trade Marks Act—Regulation Amended—

Statutory Rules 1914, No. 56.

Department of Trade and Customs—

Public Service Act—

Promotion of—

E. T. Hall, as Chief Clerk, Central Staff.

Department of External Affairs—

Northern Territory Acceptance Act—

Ordinance of 1914—

No. 2—Crown Lands.

Papua—Ordinances of 1914—

No. 4—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) 1913-14.

Department of Home Affairs—

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act—

Schedule No. 3 relating to Passenger Fares charged in connexion with the railway
Goods, Live Stock, and Parcels Rates.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Albion, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Baulkham Hills, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Bookooloo, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

Bulimba, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Canberra, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Cessnock, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Clare, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Cockburn, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Congwarra, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Cooktown, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Eastwood, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Esperance, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Essendon, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Garah South, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Geelong, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Gibraltar, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Gympie, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Harrisville, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Inverell, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Katoomba, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Katoomba, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Killara, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Lake Windabout, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

Lefroy, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Little Swamp Well, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

Macksville, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Malvern, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Marvel Loch, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Mintabie Well, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

North Sydney, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Oaklands, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Pennant Hills, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Port Fairy, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Prospect, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Redbank, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

St. Peter's, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Sydney, New South Wales—For Postal purposes (two).

Townsville, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Tuggeranong, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Unley, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Yass, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Public Service Act—

Appointments of—

L. H. Mullett, as Draughtsman, Class F, Professional Division, Meteorological
Branch, Melbourne.A. B. Ellis, as Computer, Class E, Professional Division, Statistical Branch,
Melbourne.

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Promotions of—

- J. G. Hardman, as Clerk, 4th Class, Public Works Branch, Sydney.
 S. L. Joyce and E. A. Peverill, as Clerks, 4th Class, Accounts Branch, Central Staff.
 J. J. O'Sullivan, as Clerk, 4th Class, Electoral Branch, Victoria.
 J. Payne, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accounts Branch, South Australia.
 W. L. Rush, as Clerk, 4th Class, Electoral Branch, Central Staff.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act—

Ordinances of 1914—

- No. 1—Interpretation.
 No. 2—Cotter River.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Post and Telegraph Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 38, 43, 44, 48, 49, 53, 70, 71, 72, 76, 86, 112, 120, 121, 133.

Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 46, 47, 57, 58, 59, 64, 65, 66, 73, 88, 108, 114, 115, 119, 122, 123, 124.

Public Service Act—

Promotion of—

J. T. Baker, as Postmaster, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Forbes.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1914, No. 111.

Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 60, 61.

15. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Jolley brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Jolley moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion.

Mr. Joseph Cook 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 to-morrow.

16. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at three o'clock on each Wednesday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock on each Thursday afternoon, and at half-past ten o'clock on each Friday morning.
 Question—put and passed.

17. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1914-15 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 1914-15.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

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 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 fifteen.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

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 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 fifteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply, when appointed.

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18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Arthur, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Stumm.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.