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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Fisher informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at a quarter past three o'clock to-morrow afternoon in the Parliamentary Library.
3. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That on Wednesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past six o'clock, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business.  
Question—put and passed.
4. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That on Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—  
On one Thursday—  
Notices of Motion.  
Orders of the Day.  
On the alternate Thursday—  
Orders of the Day.  
Notices of Motion.  
Question—put and passed.
5. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Poynton, and Mr. Sampson be Members of the Standing Orders Committee; three to form a quorum.  
Question—put and passed.
6. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgs, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Bruce Smith and Mr. Wise be Members of the Library Committee; three to form a quorum.  
Question—put and passed.
7. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Fleming, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Mathews, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Yates be Members of the House Committee; three to form a quorum.  
Question—put and passed.
8. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That Mr. Bamford, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fenton, McWilliams, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Stumm, and Mr. Watkins be Members of the Printing Committee; three to form a quorum; with power to confer with a similar Committee of the Senate.  
Question—put and passed.

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9. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Prime Minister's Department—  
 War with Germany—Despatches from His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin respecting an official German Organization for Influencing the Press of other Countries.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
- The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Department of Trade and Customs—  
 Inter-State Commission Act—First Annual Report of the Inter-State Commission.  
 Ordered to be printed.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Department of the Treasury—  
 Land Tax Assessment Act—Return showing penalties accruing through late payment of tax which have been remitted, in respect of assessments for the financial years 1910–11, 1911–12, and 1912–13, during the period 30th June, 1913, to 31st May, 1914.
- Department of Home Affairs—  
 Lands Acquisition Act—  
 Land acquired under, at—  
 Dubbo, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
- Postmaster-General's Department—  
 Public Service Act—  
 Promotion of J. E. Monfries, as Chief Clerk, 2nd Class, Correspondence and Inspection Branch, Adelaide.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.
11. BELGIAN GRANT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 6—  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One hundred thousand pounds as a grant in aid to the Government of Belgium.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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.

Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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12. **TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Hughes 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.)*

- Clause 1 agreed to.  
Clause 2 debated and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, amended by omitting “and” in line 22; by inserting after paragraph (a), the following new paragraph (b)  
“(b) any act or transaction which is prohibited by or under any proclamation made by the Governor-General and published in the *Gazette*, or”;  
and by omitting “(b)” in line 23 and inserting “(c)”.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clause 3 agreed to.  
Clause 4 amended, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, after debate, by omitting from line 15 (page 3) the word “Fifty” and inserting the words “Five hundred”; and by omitting the words “six months” and inserting the words “one year”.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clause 5 amended, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, by adding the words “or proceedings under this Act”.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.  
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following New Clause was added to the Bill:—  
“6A. For the purposes of this Act evidence of any proclamation issued by the King or by the Governor-General may be given in all Courts by the production of the *Gazette* purporting to contain it.” Evidence of proclamation.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the Standing Orders having been suspended, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BELGIAN GRANT BILL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 4.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the Sum of One hundred thousand pounds as a grant in aid to the Government of Belgium*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 21st October, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

14. **JUDICIARY BILL (1914).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Hughes 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.)*

- Clause 1 agreed to.  
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.  
Clause 3 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the House adopted the Report and, the Standing Orders having been suspended, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. **CRIMES BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes 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.

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Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.  
 Clause 5 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 6, 7, and 8 agreed to.  
 Clause 9 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.  
 Clause 12 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 13 to 16 agreed to.  
 Clause 17 debated and agreed to.  
 Clause 18 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 19 to 24 agreed to.  
 Clause 25 debated and agreed to.  
 Clause 26 agreed to.  
 Clause 27 debated and agreed to.  
 Clause 28 agreed to.  
 Clause 29 debated and agreed to.  
 Clause 30 agreed to.  
 Clause 31 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 32, 33, 34 agreed to.  
 Clause 35 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 36 to 49 agreed to.  
 Clause 50 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 51 to 70 agreed to.  
 Clause 71 debated and agreed to.  
 Clause 72 amended, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, by inserting, after the word "Commonwealth" in line 29, the words "or any property which has come into his possession by virtue of his employment".  
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
 Clauses 73 to 91 agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the Standing Orders having been suspended, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.  
 Question—put and passed.
17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Arthur, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Jolley, Mr. Lynch, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Watkins.

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