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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1914

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had, on the 29th ultimo, waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, in the Parliamentary Library, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 15th ultimo, and that His Excellency had made the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

In receiving the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the Opening of the first Session of the Sixth Commonwealth Parliament, I desire to thank you for your expression of loyalty to Our Most Gracious Sovereign the King.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Melbourne,
29th October, 1914.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

[*War Precautions Bill.*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 10.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Governor-General to make Regulations and Orders for the safety of the Commonwealth during the present state of war,*" 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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 29th October, 1914.

[*Judiciary Bill (1914).*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 11.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903-1912,'*" 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.

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[Crimes Bill.]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Offences against the Commonwealth*," 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.

Government House,
Melbourne; 29th October, 1914.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1914-15 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 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. 13.

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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 9th November, 1914.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 9th November, 1914.

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

5. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Llewelyn Atkinson, Esquire,
The Honorable Frederick William Bamford,
Matthew Charlton, Esquire,
William Maloney, Esquire, and
John Thomson, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this eleventh day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

CHARLES McDONALD,
Speaker.

6. THE *EMDEN*.—Mr. Fisher read to the House a report in connexion with the destruction of the German cruiser *Emden*, by H.M.A.S. *Sydney*, and certain congratulatory telegrams received in regard thereto.

7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. ARTHUR).—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be granted to the honorable Member for Bendigo (Mr. Arthur) on account of ill-health.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Prime Minister's Department—

Belgium—Grant in aid to Government of—Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies communicating message from the King of the Belgians.

War—European—

Correspondence relating to gifts of food-stuffs and other supplies to His Majesty's Government from the Oversea Dominions and Colonies.

Correspondence regarding the Naval and Military assistance afforded to His Majesty's Government by His Majesty's Oversea Dominions.

Austria-Hungary—Despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Vienna respecting the rupture of Diplomatic Relations with the Austro-Hungarian Government.

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

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PAPERS—*continued.*

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 149, 153, 157.

Department of Trade and Customs—

Customs Act—

Proclamations Prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
Wool (dated 23rd October, 1914).
Hides (dated 28th October, 1914).
Sheep Skins (dated 28th October, 1914).

Department of External Affairs—

Papua—Ordinances of 1914—

No. 5—Supply 1914-15.
No. 6—Constabulary.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—
Phillips Ponds, South Australia—For Railway purposes.
Scottsdale, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—Promotion of P. Sukroo, as Postmaster, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Roebourne.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, Government Business.
10. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1914) (No. 2).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1911* and the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1914*.
Question—put and passed.
11. DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
Question—put and passed.
12. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1914).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to extend the powers of the Governor-General during the continuance of the present hostilities to make regulations under the *Patents Act 1903-1909*, the *Trade Marks Act 1905-1912*, and the *Designs Act 1906-1912*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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.
13. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1914).—Mr. Archibald moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Lands Acquisition Act 1906*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Archibald 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.
14. AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL (1914).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Amendments Incorporation Act 1905*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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.
15. CUSTOMS BILL (1914).—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section One hundred and twelve of the *Customs Act 1901-1910*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Tudor 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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16. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILLS].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1914-15.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That a sum not exceeding Two million one hundred and four thousand four hundred and thirty eight pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1915.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1914-15.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1914-15, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £262,690.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

17. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
18. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, were adopted by the House.
19. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1914-15.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1915, a sum not exceeding Two million one hundred and four thousand four hundred and thirty-eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1914-15.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1914-15, a sum not exceeding Two hundred and sixty-two thousand six hundred and ninety pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, were adopted.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

20. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1914-15.—Mr. Fisher then brought up a Bill intituled "*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*," and moved, That it be now-read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 5, inclusive, agreed to.

Schedule debated and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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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21. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1914-15.—Mr. Fisher also brought up a Bill intituled “*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.*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 4, inclusive, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (1914).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

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 authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Two million pounds for the construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta.

27th October, 1914.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five 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. Arthur*
Mr. Jolley, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Poynton, Colonel Ryrie, and Mr. Stumm.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives