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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 15.

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAR PENSIONS BILL.—Mr. Jensen, pursuant to leave given on the 26th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the grant of Pensions upon the death or incapacity of Members of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth and Members of the Imperial Reserve Forces resident in Australia, whose death or incapacity results from their employment in connexion with warlike operations,*" 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 Wednesday next.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Joseph Cook rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of the appointment of the High Commissioner (Sir George Reid)."  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, the Business of the Day was called on.
4. OBJECTION TO MR. SPEAKER'S RULING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion by Mr. Joseph Cook at the last sitting, That the ruling of Mr. Speaker—that before a Point of Order is taken concerning objectionable words they must be first taken down—be dissented from—  
And Mr. Speaker having made a statement on the case, and certain points of order having been raised and decided—  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT)—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913*, the following Members be appointed Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.:— Mr. Riley, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Laird Smith, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Gregory.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Boyd moved, as an amendment, That the word "following" be omitted from the motion.  
Debate continued.  
Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.  
Main question—put and passed.

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6. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913*, the following Members be appointed Members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz. :—Mr. Charlton, Mr. Burchell, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Atkinson, and Mr. John Thomson.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Arthur\*, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Jolley\*, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Ozanne\*, and Colonel Ryrie\*.

\* On leave.

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*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*