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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVIGATION BILL (1914).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Navigation Act 1912,'*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 11th December, 1914.

4. NAVIGATION BILL (1914).—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered, after debate—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of Duties upon the Estates of Deceased Persons.  
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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. SPIRITS BILL (1914).—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section three of the *Spirits Act 1906*.  
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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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7. WAYS AND MEANS [BUDGET DEBATE]—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

General debate on the Budget resumed [motions moved by Mr. Fisher, see pages 63 and 116 *ante.*]  
General debate on the Budget concluded.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL (1914) (No. 2).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Trading with the Enemy Act 1914'*," 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, Brisbane,  
26th November, 1914.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1914-15.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding Session of the Parliament for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 11th December, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1914-15.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 11th December, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TREASURY BILLS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

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 issue of Treasury Bills.

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

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1914)—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

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

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

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 29.*

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 borrowing of money from or through the Government of the United Kingdom.

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

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (1914) (No. 2).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 30.*

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 Seven million five hundred and ninety-four thousand pounds for certain purposes and for amending the *Loan Act* 1911, the *Loan Act* 1912, and the *Loan Act* 1913.

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

15. ADDITIONAL DAY OF MEETING, AND PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m., and that Government Business have precedence on that day.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jolley\*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Ozanne\*, and Colonel Ryrie.

\* On leave.

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