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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY, 1915.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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 (1915)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
*Governor-General.**Message No. 52.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'War Precautions 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,
Melbourne, 30th April, 1915.

[*Defence Bill (1915)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
*Governor-General.**Message No. 53.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1914,'*" 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,
Melbourne, 30th April, 1915.

[*Judiciary Bill (1915)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
*Governor-General.**Message No. 54.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903-1914,'*" 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,
Melbourne, 1st May, 1915.

[*High Court Procedure Bill (1915)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
*Governor-General.**Message No. 55.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'High Court Procedure Act 1903,'*" 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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3. PETITION.—Mr. R. W. Foster presented a Petition from E. Stonhouse, farmer, South Australia, and others, against the imposition of 10 per cent. duty on cornsacks, bran bags, and other jute goods, and praying that the House will allow jute goods to remain on the free list.
Petition received and read.

4. PAPERS.—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 (Newfoundland, &c.)—Fourth Interim Report.
The War—

Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the United States Ambassador respecting the treatment of German Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians in the United Kingdom.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—

Memorandum by the Public Service Commissioner in connexion with the Award made by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on a plaint submitted by the Australian Letter Carriers' Association.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission Act—

Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation Reports—

Boots and Shoes.

Hides and Skins.

Leather.

Wattle Bark.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 59, 60.

Department of the Treasury—

Land Tax Assessment Act—

Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 53.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF EXTENSIONS, SMALL ARMS FACTORY, LITHGOW.—
The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act* 1913–14, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works with a request that the reference may be dealt with as an urgent matter :—

Small Arms Factory, Lithgow—Extension of buildings, plant, &c.—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

7. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, after debate, the following amendments were made :—

After "sub-clause (1.)" insert new sub-clauses—

"(1A.) It shall be a defence to a prosecution under this section if the defendant satisfies the Court that a petition for the revocation of the patent, or for the removal of the trade mark or design from the register, as the case may be, would be successful."

"(1B.) No prosecution under this section shall be brought except by the Attorney-General or a person authorized in that behalf by the Attorney-General."

Clause, as amended, debated, and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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8. **ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT BILL.**—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 22nd ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Contracts,*" 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.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at a quarter 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. Abbott, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Manifold, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Sharpe, and Mr. John Thomson.

* On leave.

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