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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH MAY, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Department of the Treasury—
    - Audit Act—Treasury Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 25.
    - Land Tax Assessment Act—Provisional Regulation—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 22.
  - Department of Home Affairs—
    - Lands Acquisition Act—
      - Land acquired under, at—
        - Alberton, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
        - Brunswick, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
        - Goulburn, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
        - North Perth, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
3. SENATORS—METHOD OF ELECTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Glynn:—That, with a view to securing as far as possible representation of parties in proportion to their strengths at the polls, the method of election by quota and transferable vote be adopted as the method of choosing Senators—
  - Debate resumed.
  - Sir John Forrest addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
  - Ordered.—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 3rd June next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered.—That Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 10th June next.
5. FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY—COMMISSION AND EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to notice, That the Government should at once place the Federal Capital Territory under a Commission, and that expenditure upon improvements in the Federal Capital should cease to be a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue.
  - Debate ensued.
  - Mr. Archibald, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
  - Ordered.—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 17th June next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered.—That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until a later hour this day.

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7. **CRIMES BILL (1915).**—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1914*.  
 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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day.  
 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 postponed.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Postponed clause 1—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following new sub-clause was inserted :—

“(3.) This Act shall continue in force during the continuance of the war and for six months thereafter, and no longer.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

8. **PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1915).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Hughes moved—That the Report be now adopted.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
9. **ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT 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.  
 Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—

- (1) Award by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, dated 9th April, 1915, on a plaint submitted by the Small Arms Factory Employees' Association.
- (2) Statement of the Laws and Regulations with which, in the opinion of the Deputy-President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, the Award is not or may not be in accord.

Attorney-General's Department—

Award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration *in re* the Small Arms Factory Employees' Association *v.* the Honorable the Minister for Defence of the Commonwealth—Opinion of the Attorney-General.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

- Barellan, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
- Corrimal, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
- Manly, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
- Preston, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
- Windsor, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

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11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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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.

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*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*