

1914-15.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 56.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH JUNE, 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. THE WAR. SUPPLY OF MUNITIONS OF WAR.—Mr. Fisher, by leave, made a statement to the House in regard to the steps taken to supply munitions of War.  
Mr. Joseph Cook, by leave, addressed the House on the question.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—  
Library Committee (Joint)—Report for 1915.  
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Department of Defence—  
The War—H.M. Australian Fleet—Extracts from Report to Admiralty—by Vice-Admiral Commanding.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Department of Trade and Customs—  
Inter-State Commission Act—  
Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation Reports—  
Pickles, Sauces, and Spices.  
Portland Cement.  
Shale Oil.  
Soap and Soap-making Materials.  
Severally ordered to be printed.
4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Report relating to the proposed Increase of Plant of the Small Arms Factory, Lithgow.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. NOTICES OF MOTION.—Notices of Motion, Government Business, postponed until a later hour this day.
6. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That a sum not exceeding Two million one hundred and twenty-two thousand four hundred and sixty-seven pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1915.  
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Spence 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.
8. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read and, on the motion of Mr. Spence, was adopted by the House.
9. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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*(In the Committee.)*

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Spence—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 twenty-two thousand four hundred and sixty-seven pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and, on the motion of Mr. Spence, was adopted by the House.

*Ordered*—That Mr. Spence and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 8) 1914-15.**—Mr. Spence 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. Spence 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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 to 5, 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. Spence, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPIRITS BILL (1914).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 54.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section three of the 'Spirits Act 1906'*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th June, 1915.

12. **SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1914-15].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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*(In the Committee.)*

ESTIMATES, 1914-15.

Division No. 107, subdivision No. 1, further debated.

Progress 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.

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

And then the House, at twelve minutes past 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—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott\*, Mr. Catts, Mr. Livingston, Colonel Ryrie\*, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Sinclair.

\* On leave.

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