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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 58.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1915.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 8) 1914-15.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 63.

A Bill intituled "*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,*" 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, 19th June, 1915.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SPIRITS BILL (1914).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 64.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend section three of the 'Spirits Act 1906,'*" 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, 19th June, 1915.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
The War—Department of Defence—Munitions Committee (Departmental)—First Report.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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5. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1915-16 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1915-16.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 65.

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 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 sixteen.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 66.

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 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 sixteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Defence—  
Defence Act—

Employment of Persons other than those employed in Government Factories—  
Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 85.  
Universal Training—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 84.

7. **CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRADE AND COMMERCE) 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. Hughes not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A he was given leave to continue his speech.  
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.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 7 and 8.
9. **SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILLS].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1915-16.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr Fisher, after debate—That a sum not exceeding Eight million six hundred and eleven thousand five hundred and eighty-one pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1916.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1915-16.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1915-16, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £1,142,915.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

10. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Fisher 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.
11. **SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.**—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, were adopted by the House.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1915-16.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1916, a sum not exceeding Eight million six hundred and eleven thousand five hundred and eighty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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## SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1915-16.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1915-16, a sum not exceeding One million one hundred and forty-two thousand nine hundred and fifteen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, were adopted by the House.

*Ordered*—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

13. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1915-16.—Mr. Fisher 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 sixteen*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher 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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill agreed to and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

14. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1915-16.—Mr. Fisher also 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 sixteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher 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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill agreed to and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past six 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—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott\*, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Lynch, and Colonel Ryrie\*.

\* On leave.

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