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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 15TH JULY, 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 ADDITIONAL AUSTRALIAN FORCES.—Mr. Fisher made the following statement to the House :—

“ On the 9th July the Government made to the Imperial authorities the following alternative proposals :

(a) To double the October and November reinforcements, making in all 10,526 each month instead of 5,263, and to send one infantry brigade with brigade signal section, brigade train, and field ambulance, leaving in November ; or

(b) Three infantry brigades with three brigade trains, three field ambulances, and one divisional signal company, to leave in November.

I am pleased to be able to announce that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has now advised us that the Army Council gratefully accepts the first alternative offer and appreciates highly this further generous assistance on the part of our Government.”

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister's Department—

The War—

Alcoholic Drink and Lost Time, &c.—Return to an Order of the House of Commons, dated 29th April, 1915, for Copy of Report and Statistics of Bad Time kept in Shipbuilding, Munitions, and Transport Areas.

Censorship—Memorandum on, presented to the British Parliament.

Employment, Provision of, for Sailors and Soldiers disabled in the War—Report of the Committee appointed by the President of the Local Government Board of Great Britain.

Press Bureau, Official—Memorandum on—presented to the British Parliament.

Rescues, Navy—Return presented to the British Parliament, showing the number of Rescues that have been effected from German War-ships by H.M. Vessels and from H.M. Vessels by German War-ships respectively.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—

Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 103.

Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 116.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—Promotion of E. P. Ramsay, as Superintendent, 1st Class, Mail Branch, Melbourne.

Department of Defence—

Defence Act—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 109.

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4. **INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (1915).**—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911–1913*.
Question—put and passed.
5. **TREASURY BILLS BILL (1915).**—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Treasury Bills Act 1914*.
Question—put and passed.
6. **NOTICE OF MOTION (REFERENDUM COMPULSORY VOTING BILL) WITHDRAWN.**—On the motion of Mr. Archibald, Notice of Motion No. 3, Government Business, was withdrawn.
7. **WAR PENSIONS BILL (1915).**—Mr. Jensen moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Pensions Act 1914*.
Question—put and passed.
8. **SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].**—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. **WAR CENSUS BILL.**—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.
Mr. Parker Moloney 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. **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILLS.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

① *[Constitution Alteration (Trade and Commerce) Bill]*—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to alter Paragraph (i.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

[Constitution Alteration (Corporations) Bill]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to alter Paragraph (xx.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

[Constitution Alteration (Industrial Matters) Bill]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to alter Paragraph (xxxv.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

[Constitution Alteration (Trusts) Bill]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Trusts, Combinations, and Monopolies*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

[Constitution Alteration (Railway Disputes) Bill]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Industrial Disputes in relation to Employment in State Railway Services*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

[*Constitution Alteration (Nationalization of Monopolies) Bill*]

Mr. SPEAKER,

Message No. 65.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Industries and Businesses declared to be the subject of a Monopoly*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN BILL (No. 1) 1915.—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. 73.

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 the sum of Twenty million pounds for War purposes.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee forthwith.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of Twenty million pounds for War purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, was adopted by the House.

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

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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1915 [UNITED KINGDOM].—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. 74.

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 the Government of the United Kingdom.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

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

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN [KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY] BILL (1915).—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. 75.

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 the sum of One million five hundred thousand pounds (£1,500,000) for the construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

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

15th July, 1915.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS BILL (1915).—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. 78.

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 amend the *War Pensions Act 1914*.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (1915).—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. 79.

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 amend the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1913*.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

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

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TREASURY BILLS (1915).—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. 80.

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 amend the *Treasury Bills Act 1914*.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

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

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—OFFICERS COMPENSATION BILL (1915).—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. 81.

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 provide for compensation to be paid on retirement or on decease of certain officers of the Commonwealth.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

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

18. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1915).—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. 82.

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 amend the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913*.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

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

15th July, 1915.

19. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1915-16 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 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. 76.

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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 77.

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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1915.

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

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Patten, and Colonel Ryrie*.

* On leave.

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