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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 72.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1915.

1. The House met, at three 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 Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission Act—

Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation—Appendices to Reports : Statistical and other information, and Evidence—

Butter : Margarine : and Edible Oils.

Corks and Cork Manufactures.

Grain and Pulse.

Machinery, Weighing and Testing.

Miscellaneous Group II.—Badges, Regalias, and Gold Embroideries. Calico for the Manufacture of Bags for the Export of Flour. Carpets, Floorcloths, and Linoleums. Cottons, Sewing, viz. :—Fancy Cotton Threads, Plain and Mercerised. Feathers. Felt, Roofing, and Damp-courses. Felt, Saddlers'. Flowers, Artificial. Hessians and Brattice Cloth, Jute Piece Goods, and Bookbinders' Cloth. Parasols. Quilts, Down. Saddlebags and Divan Covers. Sails, Tents, and Tarpaulins. Shirt Studs, Small. Woven Smallware.

Severally ordered to be printed.

3. THE WAR—EXPORT OF COAL FROM AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Fisher, by leave, read to the House a statement explaining the steps taken by the Government to facilitate the export of coal from Australia.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Department of External Affairs—

New Hebrides—Report of Royal Commission on Mail Services and Trade Development between Australia and the New Hebrides.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Greene rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The conditions under which the nurses leaving Australia are supplied with their uniforms and outfit."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister's Department—

The War—National Relief Fund—Report on the Administration of—up to the 31st March, 1915, presented to the British Parliament.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 127, 128.

Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 129.

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Department of External Affairs—

Norfolk Island Act—

Ordinances of 1915—

No. 4—Executive Council.

No. 5—Executive Council (No. 2).

Postmaster-General's Department—

Post and Telegraph Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 58, 79, 80, 93.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 42, 56, 57, 106.

7. WAR PENSIONS BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 78—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. Jensen, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Pensions Act* 1914.

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. Jensen, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Jensen 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 taken forthwith.

Mr. Jensen 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 agreed to.

Clause 2 read—

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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR LOAN BILL (NO. 2) (1915) [UNITED KINGDOM].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the borrowing of money from the Government of the United Kingdom*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 28th July, 1915.

9. INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 79—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 amend the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act* 1911-1913.

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 to-morrow.

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10. **TREASURY BILLS BILL (1915).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 80—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 amend the *Treasury Bills Act 1914*.

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 to-morrow.

11. **OFFICERS' COMPENSATION BILL (1915).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 81—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 provide for Compensation to be paid on Retirement or on Decease of certain Officers of the Commonwealth.

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 to-morrow.

12. **COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1915).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 82—

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 amend the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913*.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past nine 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. Chapman, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie\*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. John Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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