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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1915.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

[*War Loan Bill (No. 2) (1915) [United Kingdom]*—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 85.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the borrowing of money from the Government of the United Kingdom*", 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, 31st July, 1915.[*Loan [Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway] Bill (1915)*—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 86.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of One million five hundred thousand pounds for the Construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta*", 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, 31st July, 1915.[*Appropriation Bill 1914-15*—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 87.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding session of the Parliament*", 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, 31st July, 1915.

3. THE WAR—DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO A VICTORIOUS END—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the following Resolution be agreed to :—

"That we, the Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, do, on the expiration of a year of war, present to His Majesty our most loyal service, and record our unchanging determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle for the maintenance of the ideals of Liberty and Justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allied Nations."

Mr. Joseph Cook having seconded the motion—

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the foregoing Resolution be forwarded through His Excellency the Governor-General.

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4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Prime Minister's Department—
 Public Service Act—Regulation amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules, 1915, No. 131.
 Department of the Treasury—
 Public Service Act—Promotion of G. B. Cooke, as Clerk, 4th Class, Governor-General's Office.
 Department of Home Affairs—
 Public Service Act—
 Appointment of J. T. Sutcliffe, as Computer, Class E., Professional Division, Statistical Branch.
 Promotion of E. Hume, as Divisional Returning Officer, 4th Class, for Robertson (Mudgee), New South Wales.
 Postmaster-General's Department—
 Public Service Act—
 Promotions of—
 M. A. Brophy, as Clerk, 4th Class, Central Office.
 L. C. Dyke, as Clerk, 4th Class, Electrical Engineer's Branch (Telephones), South Australia.
 A. W. Plumley, as Postmaster, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Junee.
5. WAR PENSIONS BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—
 Mr. Jensen moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
6. INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
 Mr. Fisher 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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Fisher 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. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

7. TREASURY BILLS BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
 —Mr. Fisher 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 4 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Fisher 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.
 On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the Bill was read a third time.

8. OFFICERS' COMPENSATION BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Page 1, line 11, after "widow" insert "or children".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment. o

The House resumed; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.

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

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Greene, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Manifold, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Patten, Mr. Pigott, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Spence.

* On leave.

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