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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 81.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1915.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Postmaster-General's Department—  
Report on the Business Management of the Postmaster-General's Department—By R. McC. Anderson.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUGAR PURCHASE BILL.—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. 90.*  
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 Commonwealth Bank of Australia.  
Government House,  
Melbourne, August, 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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Attorney-General's Department—  
Sugar Supply—Memorandum of Arrangement between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Colonial Sugar Refining Company about the Sugar Supply of Australia.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

25th August, 1915.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of the Treasury—

Public Service Act—

Promotions of—

M. L. Bradley, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accountant's Branch.

M. Richardson, as Clerk, 4th Class, Stamp Printing Branch.

Department of External Affairs—

Public Service Act—Promotion of D. B. Edward, as Clerk, 2nd Class.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Amungula, partly in Federal Territory and partly in the State of New South Wales.

—For Federal Capital purposes.

Avoca, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Botany, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Goorooyarroo (2), Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Kalgoorlie (2), Western Australia—For Railway purposes.

Warracknabeal, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Department of Defence—

Defence Act—Provisional Regulations for the Conduct and Management of Government Factories—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 141.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1.
6. **CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATORS' TERM OF SERVICE) BILL.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter Section Thirteen of the Constitution.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Hughes 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.
7. **SUPPLY [FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SUPPLY BILLS].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1915-16.

Debate resumed on the following motion of Mr. Fisher:—That a sum not exceeding Sixteen million one hundred and ninety-five thousand four hundred and sixty-nine pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1916.

Motion, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 1915-16.

Mr. Fisher moved, 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 £1,419,925.

Debate ensued.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution 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. **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.
9. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, was adopted by the House.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS—RESOLUTION.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 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 four hundred and nineteen thousand nine hundred and twenty-five 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee 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.

11. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 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 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. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT FREIGHTAGE BILL.—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. 91.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the borrowing of money from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Melbourne, 25th August, 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past eleven 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. Groom, Mr. Palmer, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Thomas.

\* On leave.

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