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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 83.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next, at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Prime Minister's Department.—  
Public Service Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 144.
4. WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL (1915).—Mr. Spence moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Spence 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 Monday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That Notice of Motion, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until Monday next, and that Order of the Day, No. 1, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. SUPPLY [FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SUPPLY BILL].—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—  
*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Greene, viz.:*—That the amount be reduced by the sum of £1.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATORS' TERM OF SERVICE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McGrath	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Chapman	Mr. Patten
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Burns	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Carr	Mr. Riley	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Catts	Mr. Sharpe	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence	Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Fowler
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Webster	Mr. Maniford	Mr. Greene
Mr. Fisher	Mr. West		
Mr. Hampson	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Higgs			
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Page		
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins		

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

8. SUPPLY [FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, again 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—

And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Greene, viz.:—That the amount be reduced by the sum of £1.

Mr. Sinclair moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Patten	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Burchell	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stumm	Mr. Burns	Mr. Page
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Carr	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt	Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Groom		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Greene	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Orchard	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Yates
		Mr. Hampson	
		Mr. Hannan	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews
		Mr. McGrath	Mr. Webster

And so it was negatived.

Original 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, on Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 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 Sixteen million one hundred and ninety-five thousand four hundred and sixty-nine 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, on Monday next, 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.

12. SUPPLY 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,*" 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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Department of Defence—  
Nurses' Uniforms—Complaints *re* Prices charged.  
*Ordered* to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Department of the Treasury—  
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement *re* Pensions for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1915.  
Department of Trade and Customs—  
Bounties Act—Return of particulars for financial year 1914-15 of persons to whom Bounty paid, amounts paid, goods, &c.  
Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return of Bounty paid during financial year 1914-15.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-nine minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott\*, Sir William Irvine, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Mahony, General Ryrrie\*,  
and Mr. Bruce Smith.

\* On leave.

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