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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 31ST 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 to-morrow at half-past Ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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.
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—

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.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (No. 2) (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 77.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'War Precautions Act 1914-1915,'*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 31st August, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

5. WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (No. 2) (1915).—Mr. Jensen moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business No. 2, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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7. WAR PENSIONS BILL (1915)—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to further consider the Amendments (*see pages 325-6 ante*) and the following amendment moved thereon by Mr. Thomas :—

In Amendment No. 1, after the letters “(aa)”, omit the words “by omitting”.

The proposed amendment on Amendment No. 1 was negatived.

The Senate's Amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, the House adopted the Report.

8. WAR CENSUS [POSTAL MATTER] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Spence 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.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spence, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Spence 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. Spence, the Bill was read a third time.

9. SUGAR PURCHASE BILL.—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. 90—

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, after debate—That it is expedient 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.

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. Hughes, 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. 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past 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. Anstey, Mr. Catts, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Patten, General Ryrie*, and Mr. John Thomson.

* On leave.

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