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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 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. BUSINESS OF HOUSE AND ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook, by leave, made a statement to the House concerning the Business of the House and the proposed adjournment.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Fisher, by leave, also addressed the House on the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of External Affairs—
New Hebrides—Appendices to the Report of the Royal Commission on Mail Services and Trade Development between Australia and the New Hebrides.
Ordered to lie upon the Table.
Mr. Archibald moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Department of Trade and Customs—
Quarantine Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 145.
Department of Defence—
Defence Act—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 143.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1915).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 81.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902-1913*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd September, 1915, a.m.

Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 82.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd September, 1915, a.m.

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6. INCOME TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker having called the honorable Member for Robertson to order for irrelevancy in referring to the Loan Bill in the course of his speech, and Sir William Irvine having raised a Point of Order.—Mr. Speaker ruled that, on the motion for the third reading of a Bill, the debate must be confined to the provisions of the Bill itself. The Bill could not be discussed in a general way on the motion for the third reading; honorable Members must confine themselves practically to the contents of the Bill as it came from the Committee.

Objection to Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Joseph Cook handed in, in writing, the following objection to the ruling:—"That the Speaker's ruling be dissented from—he having laid down that no reference may be made to the general financial position on the third reading of the Income Tax Bill."

The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

Debate resumed on the Question, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Motion—That the Bill be now read a third time—by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 5.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following amendment was made:—

Line 17, omit "and each financial year thereafter".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be further reported, with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATORS' TERM OF SERVICE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter Section Thirteen of the Constitution*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

Message No. 83.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 2nd September, 1915.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of External Affairs—
Aborigines in Queensland, Western Australia, and the Northern Territory—Memorandum regarding Missions to.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.
Question—put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past three 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. Catts, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Pigott, General Ryrrie*,
Mr. Salmon, and Mr. John Thomson.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives