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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 92.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Department of External Affairs—
    - High Commissioner—Correspondence respecting extension of term of appointment of the Right Honorable Sir George Reid, P.C., G.C.M.G., as High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia in London.
    - Norfolk Island—Report of the Administrator for the year ended 30th June, 1915.
  - Department of Home Affairs—
    - Business Management of the Department of Home Affairs—
      - Report by Mr. R. M. Anderson.
      - Preliminary Notes on Mr. R. M. Anderson's Report, by the Acting Secretary of the Department.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Department of the Treasury—
  - Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 174.
- Postmaster-General's Department—
  - Post and Telegraph Act—
    - Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 118, 147, 164, 167, 168, 178, 180, 181.
    - Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 122, 142, 146, 148, 153, 169, 170, 171, 177, 188, 189.
- Department of Defence—
  - Defence Act—
    - Employment of Persons other than those employed in Government Factories—Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules, 1915, No. 162.
    - Universal Training—
      - Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 160, 163, 165, 172.
    - Military Forces—
      - Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 161, 173.
  - Public Service Act—
    - Promotions of—
      - W. Benson, as Clerk, 3rd Class, Accounts Branch, New South Wales.
      - G. West, as Clerk, 4th Class, Central Staff.
  - War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 183, 184, 191.

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3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Report, together with an Appendix relating to the provision of Barracks, Quarters, Gun Park, &c., for the Royal Australian Field Artillery, Enoggera, Queensland.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Ozanne rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The inadequate system of the Defence Department in paying its soldiers and their dependants."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Ozanne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119 the Business of the Day was called on.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—IRON BOUNTY BILL (1915).—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. 107.

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 amend the *Iron Bounty Act 1914*.

Melbourne, 30th August, 1915.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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. Tudor, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Iron Bounty Act 1914*.

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. Tudor, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tudor and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Tudor 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.

Mr. Tudor 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.

Mr. Tudor 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 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated, and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—QUARANTINE BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 91.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Quarantine Act 1908-1912,'*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 28th October, 1915.

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7. QUARANTINE BILL (1915).—Mr. Tudor 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.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1915-16 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1915-16.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 108.*

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 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.

Government House,  
 Melbourne,            October, 1915.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 109.*

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 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.

Government House,  
 Melbourne,            October, 1915.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1915-16.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate—That a sum not exceeding Seven million two hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1916.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, by leave, 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. 3) 1915-16.

Mr. Higgs moved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1916, a sum not exceeding Seven million two hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Debate ensued.

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.

12. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.—Mr. Tudor, pursuant to leave given on the 1st ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to ratify and provide for Carrying out an Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters, and for other purposes,* ” 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.

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13. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. John Thomson, for the Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee:—

Report upon the Commonwealth Naval Dockyard, Cockatoo Island, New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott\*, Mr. Carr, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Groom, General Ryrie\*, and Mr. Stumm.

\* On leave.

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