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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1915.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WIDE BAY ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had yesterday issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wide Bay, in the State of Queensland, in the place of the Right Honorable Andrew Fisher, resigned. The dates appointed in the Writ were as follow :—
 Date of Nomination—Wednesday, 17th November, 1915.
 Date of Polling—Saturday, 11th December, 1915.
 Return of Writ—On or before Saturday, 15th January, 1916.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN BILL (1915) (No. 3).—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. 110.

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 raising and expending of the sum of Eighteen million pounds for War purposes.

Government House,
 Melbourne, 1st November, 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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Department of Trade and Customs—
 Customs Act—
 Proclamations prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
 Metals, Alloys, and Minerals (dated 4th September, 1915).
 Diamonds (dated 14th October, 1915).
 Proclamation prohibiting Importation of "The Galvo Filter and Water Sterilizer"
 (dated 7th September, 1915).
 Proclamations prohibiting Importation (except under certain conditions) of—
 Sugar (dated 7th September, 1915).
 Unset Diamonds (dated 14th October, 1915).
 Public Service Act—
 Promotions of—
 J. L. Fawcett, as Clerk, 4th Class, Quarantine Branch, Central Staff.
 S. Hoey, as Clerk (in charge), 3rd Class, Correspondence and Records Branch,
 Queensland.
 R. Moodie, as Examining Officer, 3rd Class, Landing Branch, Queensland.
 J. Salmon, as Clerk, 3rd Class, Central Staff.
 L. E. Stevens, as Accountant, 3rd Class, Central Staff.

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Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Deloraine, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Strathfield, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Department of Defence—

Public Service Act—

Promotion of C. J. Bradley, as Clerk, 4th Class, Central Staff.

5. **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.

Debate resumed on the following motion of Mr. Higgs—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.

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Higgs 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.

7. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Higgs and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1915-16.**—Mr. Higgs 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. Higgs 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.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 debated.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Clause 2 further debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Schedule—

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the amount of the Schedule be reduced by the sum of £1.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Joseph Cook

Mr. R. W. Foster

Mr. McWilliams

Mr. Orchard

Mr. Patten

Mr. Pigott

Tellers:

Mr. Greene

Mr. Rodgers

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bamford

Mr. Burns

Mr. Catts

Mr. Dankel

Mr. Fenton

Mr. Finlayson

Mr. Hannan

Mr. Higgs

Mr. Jensen

Mr. Lynch

Mr. Mathews

Mr. O'Malley

Mr. Laird Smith

Mr. Tudor

Mr. Webster

Mr. Yates

Tellers:

Mr. Watkins

Mr. Wise

And so it was negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1915-16.

Resolved, after debate, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—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 £647,696.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Higgs 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.
11. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, was adopted by the House.
12. WAYS AND MEANS—RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1915-16.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—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 Six hundred and forty-seven thousand six hundred and ninety-six 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, at its next meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, was adopted by the House.

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

13. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1915-16.—Mr. Higgs 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. Higgs 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. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 92.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Iron Bounty Act 1914,’*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd November, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

3rd and 4th November, 1915.

15. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. CARR).—Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one week be granted to the honorable Member for Macquarie (Mr. Carr).
Question—put and passed.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day 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. Carr*, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Riley, General Ryrie*, Mr. Bruce Smith,
and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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