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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 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. 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 Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Alterations and Additions to the Customs House, Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Bamford, for the Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petitions—		
† Constitution—Postponement of Proposals to amend—		
From Women's Liberal League, New South Wales	No recommenda- tion	
From Women of New South Wales	" "	
Papers—		
Bounties Act—Return of Particulars relating to Bounties paid during Financial Year 1914-15	To be printed	
Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 176	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Customs Act—		
Proclamations prohibiting exportation of—		
Metals, Alloys, and Minerals	" "	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Diamonds (except to United Kingdom)	" "	" "
Proclamations prohibiting importation of—		
Sugar	" "	" "
" The Galvo Filter and Water Sterilizer "	" "	" "
Unset Diamonds	" "	" "
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 87, 156	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members

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REPORT—continued.

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued—</i>		
Defence—		
* Expeditionary Camps, Queensland—Expenditure for forage to 30th June, 1915	No recommenda- tion	
† Nurses' Uniforms—Complaints <i>re</i> prices charged Sick and Wounded Soldiers returned per s.s. <i>Kyarra</i> —Summary of inquiry in connexion with care and transport from Melbourne to Sydney	" "	
* Militia Officers holding paid positions who have not volunteered for the Front—Return ..	To be printed	
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 123, 124, 125, 126, 143, 141, 160, 161, 162, 163, 165, 172, 173, *192	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Dominions Royal Commission—		
Minutes of Evidence taken in Newfoundland..	" "	
Minutes of evidence taken in Maritime Provinces of Canada in 1914	" "	
Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 154	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Estate Duty Assessment Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 136	" "	" "
European War—		
Acceptance by Commonwealth Government of liability for cost of its troops in the field—Correspondence	To be printed	
Coal Mining Industry—Great Britain—Conditions prevailing, due to the War	No recommenda- tion	
National Relief Fund, Great Britain—Report on Administration	" "	
Neutral Shipping—Policy of H.M. Government—Despatch from Secretary of State for Colonies forwarding copy of Memorandum communicated to United States Ambassador	" "	
Anglo-German Negotiations 1912—Statement issued by Foreign Office	" "	
Intoxicating Liquors—Measures taken in certain foreign countries for restriction of sale since outbreak of war—Correspondence.. ..	" "	
Prisoners of War—		
Civil Internment Camp at Ruhleben—Note from United States Ambassador transmitting Report on conditions existing	" "	
Treatment in England and Germany during first eight months of war	" "	
Treatment in Germany—		
Further Correspondence with United States Ambassador	" "	
Additional further Correspondence with United States Ambassador	" "	
Fisheries—Biological Results of Fishing Experiments carried on by F.I.S. <i>Endeavour</i> , 1909-1914		
Vol. III., Part 5	" "	
Vol. III., Part 6	" "	
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement <i>re</i> Pensions for twelve months ended 30th June, 1915	To be printed	
* Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—List of Office Staffs	" "	

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REPORT—continued.

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<i>Papers—continued—</i>		
Land Tax Assessment Act— Return showing Penalties accruing through late payment of tax, which have been remitted ..	No recommenda- tion	
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 137, 150, 174	" "	Already in print and circulated to Members
Lands Acquisition Act—		
Easement acquired over land at Preston ..	" "	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Land acquired under, at— Abermain, Adelaide, Amungula, Amungula—Molonglo—Majura, Avoca (2), Botany, Bright, Broadmeadows, Burwood, Caulfield, Chiltern, Chippendale, Copmanhurst, Cowra, Deloraine, Dutton Park, Enmore, Epping, Goorooyarroo (4), Ginninderra—Goorooyarroo, Kalgoorlie (4), Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Route (4), Kingoonya, Launceston, Liverpool, Lytton, Majura, Mullumbimby, Paddington, Pialligo—Goorooyarroo, Port Lincoln, Queanbeyan, Sandy Bay, Strathfield, Tarcoola, Thirroul, Thursday Island, Townsville, Twin Hills, Urayarra—Tidbinbilla, Wangaratta, Warracknabeal, Waterloo, Waverley, Wynyard	" "	" "
Right of carriage-way acquired over land at Guildford	" "	" "
Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return of Bounty paid during financial year 1914–15 ..	To be printed	
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 149, 157, 158, 185, 186, 193.. ..	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and circulated to Members
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 42, 56, 57, 58, 79, 80, 93, 106, 118, 122, 142, 146, 147, 148, 153, 164, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 177, 178, 180, 181, 188, 189 ..	" "	" "
Postmaster-General's Department—		
* Post-office, Balfour, Tasmania—Papers and Reports in connexion with proposed removal..	" "	
* Statement of supplies imported for Electrical Branch	" "	
Public Service Act—		
Appointments, Promotions, &c., in cases of— A. Bagot, W. Benson, C. J. Bradley, M. L. Bradley, F. J. C. Bridges, J. Brophy, M. A. Brophy, V. E. Butler, G. B. Cooke, E. G. L. Croft, H. R. David, C. L. Durbin, L. C. Dyke, D. B. Edward, A. J. Egan, J. L. Fawcett, R. H. Fyfe, E. T. Hall, R. W. Hamilton, V. Hodson, S. Hoey, E. Hume, D. P. Israel, C. C. King, S. C. McLachlan, N. H. Mayger, C. G. B. Meredith, A. F. Moloney, R. Moodie, E. W. J. Moore, H. A. Peterson, G. G. Phillips, T. H. Pitt, A. W. Plumley, M. Richardson, J. Salmon, F. H. G. Simcocks, E. H. Smellie, H. M. Stapylton, L. E. Stevens, J. T. Sutcliffe, G. West	" "	
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 127, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133, 140, 144, 159, 166, 182	" "	Already in print and circulated to Members
Return of Temporary Employees for financial year 1914–15	" "	

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REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued—</i>		
Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 145	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
War Census Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 138	" "	" "
War Precautions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 119, 130, 135, 183, 184, 191 ..	" "	" "
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 75, 94, 139, 179	" "	" "

Committee Room,
4th November, 1915.

F. W. BAMFORD,
for Chairman.

Mr. Bamford moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and passed.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Second Annual Report.

Ordered to be printed.

5. WAR LOAN BILL (1915) (No. 3.)—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. 110—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Higgs moved, That it is expedient 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.

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.

6. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

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.*)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

8. QUARANTINE BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 3 to 9 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.
Mr. Tudor 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.
Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1915-16.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 93.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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.*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 4th November, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after Notice of Motion, No. 1 Government Business.
11. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—KATHERINE RIVER TO BITTER SPRINGS RAILWAY — Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report, viz. :—
Extension of the Pine Creek-Katherine River Railway southwards so far as Bitter Springs.
Mr. O'Malley having laid on the Table estimates and plan, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Debate ensued.
Mr. Poynton addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
12. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1915.

Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT. — All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Carr*, Mr. Chapman, General Ryrie*, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

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