

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1915.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Department of Trade and Customs—
 - Inter-State Commission Act—
 - Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation—
 - Report—New Industries.
 - Appendices to Reports : Statistical and other information and Evidence—
 - Miscellaneous Group IV.—Bitumen, Mastic Asphalt, and Powdered Asphalt. Chalk, French, and other preparations of steatite. Filters. Flints for Tube Mills. Glue and Gelatine, Isinglass and Jelly Crystals. Grindstones. Plaster of Paris. Whale Oil.
 - Miscellaneous Group VI.—Cinematographs and Bioscopes. Fishing Rods and Tackle. Glasses, Field and Marine. Golf Clubs. Photographic Films and Negatives. Sapphires. Spectacle Cases. Teeth, Artificial. Turquoise. Watches. Wooden Plant Pots and Wooden Rules. Wooden Rims for Sieves. Woodware, Printers'.
 - Machinery: Engines and Boilers, and Machines generally.
 - Works of Art ; Modelled Statues ; and Coloured Printed Pictures.

Severally ordered to be printed.
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 Minutes of Evidence, relating to the questions of—
 - Provision of Automatic Telephone Exchange, Sydney.
 - Provision of Automatic Telephone Exchange, Malvern, Victoria.
 - Provision of Automatic Telephone Exchange, Collingwood, Victoria.

Ordered to be printed.
4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1915) (No. 2)—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1915*.
 Question—put and passed.
 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, by leave.—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—KATHERINE RIVER TO BITTER SPRINGS RAILWAY.
—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. O'Malley :—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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Poynton moved an amendment, That the words "and from Oodnadatta to Alice Springs in a northerly direction" be added to the motion.
Debate continued.
Amendment ruled out of order.
Debate on original question continued.
Original question—put and passed.
6. KATHERINE RIVER TO BITTER SPRINGS RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. O'Malley moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Construction of a Railway in the Northern Territory from the Katherine River to Bitter Springs, the Appointment of Officers, and the Making of Charges in connexion with such Railway, and to amend Section two of the *Pine Creek to Katherine River Railway Act 1913*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. O'Malley 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 Wednesday next.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Prime Minister's Department—
Public Service Act—
Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 187, 199, 216.
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 195, 196, 197, 203, 204, 205, 206.
Public Works Committee Act—
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 202.
Department of Home Affairs—
Lands Acquisition Act—
Land acquired under, at—
Amungula, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.
Bherwerre, Federal Territory—For a Port and for Defence purposes.
Goorooyarroo, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.
Majura, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.
Molonglo, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes (two Papers).
8. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1915) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Glynn moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to four 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. Burchell, Mr. Carr*, Mr. Chapman, General Ryrie*, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives