

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1915.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—OFFICER'S COMPENSATION BILL.—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

A. J. STANLEY,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 111.*

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 and money be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to provide for compensation to be paid to the widow of Major-General Sir William Throsby Bridges, K.C.B., C.M.G.

Melbourne, 10th 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.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Arbitration (Public Service Act)—

- (1) Copy of an Award dated 1st November, 1915, which has been made by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on complaints submitted by the Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association and the Commonwealth Postmasters' Association respectively.
- (2) Statement of the Laws and Regulations of the Commonwealth with which, in the opinion of the Deputy President of the Court, the Award is not or may not be in accord.
- (3) Copy of the "reasons for judgment" of the Deputy President.
- (4) Memorandum by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth.
- (5) Memorandum by the Public Service Commissioner.

Department of External Affairs—

Papua—

Ordinance of 1915—

No. 6—Customs Tariff.

Department of the Navy—

Naval Defence Act—Naval Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 217, 218.

Department of the Treasury—

Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 207.

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Department of Home Affairs—

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 219.

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act—Goods Rates (Water Haulage, &c.)

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—

Heidelberg, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Majura, partly in Federal Territory and partly in New South Wales—For Federal Capital purposes.

West End, Townsville, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—Promotion of A. P. Westhoven, as Inspector of Accounts, 1st Class, Central Staff.

4. **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1915) (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Carr 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 to-morrow.
5. **WAR LOAN BILL (1915) (No. 3).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the further 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.)

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

Motion agreed to.

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. 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.

Mr. Higgs 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. 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.

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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 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.

Mr. Higgs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

6. **WAYS AND MEANS—RESOLUTION—INCOME TAX.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, after debate, That an Income Tax be imposed on incomes derived directly or indirectly from sources in Australia, and consisting of income from personal exertion and income from property at the following rates, viz. :—

(a) In respect of the income from personal exertion the rate under the *Income Tax Act 1915* that would have been applicable if the total taxable income of the taxpayer had been derived exclusively from personal exertion ; and

(b) in respect of the income from property—the rate under the *Income Tax Act 1915* that would have been applicable if the total taxable income of the taxpayer had been derived exclusively from property.

Resolution to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Hughes 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.

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

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

7. **INCOME TAX BILL (1915) (No. 2).**—Mr. Hughes then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Income Tax Act 1915,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Hughes 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.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without 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.

8. **KATHERINE RIVER TO BITTER SPRINGS RAILWAY BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. O'Malley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fleming 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.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, 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. Burchell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Hampson, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Poynton, General Ryrie*, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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