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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH 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. VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO LONDON.—Mr. Hughes, having obtained leave to make a statement, informed the House that he had received from the British Government an invitation to visit London, to exchange views with Imperial Ministers, and that he had decided to accept the invitation.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 94.

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

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th November, 1915, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1915-16.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 95.

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,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th November, 1915, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Attorney-General's Department—
 - War Precautions Act—Returns of Foodstocks.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 - Prime Minister's Department—
 - The War—Austrian and German Papers found in possession of Mr. James F. J. Archibald, Falmouth, August 30th, 1915—Paper presented to British Parliament.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Defence—
Defence Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
Military Forces—

Statutory Rules 1915, No. 212.

(Financial and Allowance)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 200, 211.

Military College—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 208.

Universal Training—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 209, 210.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—Promotion of H. Howqua, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accounts Branch (Telephone Accounts), Victoria.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Enemy Trading Act—Prosecutions—Return to an Order of the House dated 10th September, 1915.

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6. REFERENDUM (WITHDRAWAL OF WRITS) BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the withdrawal of writs issued by the Governor-General for the submission of certain proposed laws to the electors, and for matters incidental thereto.
 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 taken at once.
 Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Joseph Cook 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 a later hour this day.
7. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
 Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
 Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. REFERENDUM (WITHDRAWAL OF WRITS) BILL.—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.
 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 and 2 agreed to.

Preamble—

Mr. Hughes moved the following amendment :—

Lines 9 to 11, omit “in pursuance of an agreement made between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the several States”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Burns	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Hampson
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Yates

Noes, 35.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mahon
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Boyd	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Patten
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Spence
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hannan	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	
Sir William Irvine.	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Greene
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Preamble, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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.

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

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Department of External Affairs—

Northern Territory—Report of the Administrator for the year 1914.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1915-16 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 4) 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. 112.

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.

Sydney, 9th November, 1915.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 113.

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.

Sydney, 9th November, 1915.

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

12. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

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.

13. KATHERINE RIVER TO BITTER SPRINGS RAILWAY BILL.—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. Higgs 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 a later hour this day

14. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILLS].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1915-16.

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

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 4) 1915-16.

Resolved, 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 £419,150.

Resolutions 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.

15. 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.

16. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, were adopted by the House.

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17. WAYS AND MEANS—RESOLUTIONS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1915-16.

Resolved, on the 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 Sixteen million two hundred and forty-five thousand six hundred and eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 4) 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 Four hundred and nineteen thousand one hundred and fifty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolutions 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.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Higgs and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

18. SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 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.)

Bill agreed to, after debate, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. John Thomson reported accordingly.

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

19. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 4) 1915-16.—Mr. Higgs also 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, after debate, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. John Thomson reported accordingly.

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

20. OFFICER'S COMPENSATION BILL (1915).—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. 111—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 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.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McGrath moved as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, and that in lieu thereof the following words be inserted, viz., "the widow of Sir William Throsby Bridges is already provided for under the War Pensions Act, and as such Act makes provision for the dependants of soldiers according to rank this Committee cannot agree with any appropriation that nullifies the existing law and makes unfair discriminations in order to give exceptional grants to favored individuals."

Debate ensued.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 7.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Anstey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Burns	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Yates
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Patten	Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. McGrath	
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sharpe		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Bruce Smith		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Spence		
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Kelly			
Mr. Lynch			
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Greene		
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the original motion be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 5.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Anstey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Boyd	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Burns	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Carr	Mr. Patten	Mr. Fenton	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley		
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Sampson		
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sharpe		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Bruce Smith		
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise		
Sir William Irvine			
Mr. Kelly			
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Greene		
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 4.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Burns	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Anstey
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Parker Moloney		Mr. McGrath
Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley		
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Patten		
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Riley		
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Rodgers		
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Bruce Smith		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise		
Sir William Irvine			
Mr. Kelly			
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Sharpe		
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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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, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Patten
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Riley
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Rodgers
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Greene	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spence
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise
Sir William Irvine	
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Watkins

Mr. Anstey
Mr. Fenton

Tellers:
Mr. Burns
Mr. McGrath

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 and 2 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.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR LOAN BILL (1915) (No. 3).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 96.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Eighteen million pounds for War purposes,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th November, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL 1915 (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Income Tax Act 1915,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th November, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REFERENDUM (WITHDRAWAL OF WRITS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the withdrawal of writs issued by the Governor-General for the submission of certain proposed laws to the electors, and for matters incidental thereto,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

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THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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24. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at a quarter to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Jensen,
Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Poynton, General Ryrie*, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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