

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY, 1916.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented a Petition from certain women of Victoria in favour of universal compulsory military service, and praying that the House will bring in conscription. Petition received and read.
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, together with Minutes of Evidence—
Proposed Cement Works for Federal Capital and other Commonwealth purposes.
Ordered to be printed.
4. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Charlton, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Expenditure incurred in connexion with the S.Y. *Aurora* of the Shackleton Expedition, at the Commonwealth Naval Dockyard, Cockatoo Island, Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Department of Home Affairs—
Census and Statistics Act—Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1914-15.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—Narrabri, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Department of the Treasury—
Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1914-15—Dated 12th April, 1916.
Department of the Navy—
Naval Defence Act—
Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Royal Australian Naval Reserve—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 74, 75.
6. PUBLIC SERVICE (ACTING COMMISSIONER) BILL.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment, temporarily, of an Acting Public Service Commissioner.
Question—put and passed.
7. CUSTOMS HOUSE, SYDNEY: ALTERATIONS &C.—FURTHER REMISSION TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE —
Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works having reported to the House the result of their inquiries into the proposed alterations and additions to the Customs House, Sydney, and the Minister having obtained estimates of cost, £51,481 7s. 11d., tabled herewith, more closely calculated than those upon which the Committee reported, involving virtually double the Committee's estimate of cost, £29,000, the House resolves that their Report be remitted to the Committee for further consideration, and report as to the expediency of the work.
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 to-morrow.

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8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—THE WAR—CONTRIBUTION OF COMMONWEALTH TROOPS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Tudor :—That the Paper, "Ministerial Statement—The War—Contribution of Commonwealth Troops," laid on the Table yesterday, be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
9. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (*see p. 426 ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.
—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

Progress 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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1915-16.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 103.

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, 10th May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 5) 1915-16.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 104.

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, 10th May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

And then the House, at eight minutes 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. Bamford, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hampson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Patten, General Ryrrie,* Mr. Spence, and Mr. Stumm.

* On leave.

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