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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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 FRIDAY, 12TH MAY, 1916.
 

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1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Department of External Affairs—

High Commissioner's Sixth Annual Report, 1915.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Customs Act—

Proclamations Prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Butter (dated 1st December, 1915).

Precious Stones (dated 22nd December, 1915).

Raisins, Lexias, Sultanas, and Currants (dated 12th January, 1916).

Goods to China and Siam unless consigned to certain persons (dated 12th January, 1916); together with a Supplementary List of Names (dated 27th March, 1916).

Goods to the Netherlands (dated 19th January, 1916).

Tallow and other Animal Fats (dated 26th January, 1916).

Tallow, Fats, Oils, Caustic Soda, &c. (dated 15th March, 1916).

Waste Paper (dated 29th March, 1916).

Pepper and Capsicums (dated 5th April, 1916).

Proclamation Prohibiting Exportation of any goods packed in a bag if weight exceeds 200 lbs. (dated 15th December, 1915).

Department of the Treasury—

Audit Act—London Account Regulation Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 71.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 72.

Department of External Affairs—

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1915, respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Immigration Act—Return for 1915, showing—(a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth; (b) Persons who passed the dictation test; (c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test; (d) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth.

12th May, 1916.

3. 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, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS BILL (1916).—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

A. L. STANLEY,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.*

*Message No. 131.*

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 amend the *War Pensions Act 1914–1915*.

Melbourne, 9th May, 1916.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

[*Supply Bill (No. 5) 1915–16*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 132.*

A Bill intituled “ *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,*” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
12th May, 1916.

[*Supply (Works and Buildings) Bill (No. 5) 1915–16*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 133.*

A Bill intituled “ *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.,*” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
12th May, 1916.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION FUND BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 106.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to make provision for the Administration of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 12th May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

7. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION FUND BILL.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS ACT (PARTIAL SUSPENSION) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to suspend the operation of Section Eighty-seven A of the 'Patents Act 1903-1909' during the continuance of the present War and for a period of six months thereafter*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 12th May, 1916.

9. PATENTS ACT (PARTIAL SUSPENSION) BILL.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR CENSUS BILL (1916).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 108.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'War Census Acts 1915'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 12th May, 1916.

11. WAR CENSUS BILL (1916).—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

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

Department of Trade and Customs—

Quarantine Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 190.

Department of Defence—

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 26, 63.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott\*, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hampson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Patten, Mr. Poynton, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Stumm.

\* On leave.

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