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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 23RD MAY, 1916.

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 the Navy—
Royal Australian Naval College—Report for 1915; together with an abstract Report for the year 1914.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—
Award—

- (1) Copy of an Award dated 4th May, 1916, which has been made by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on a plaint submitted by the Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
- (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) Opinion of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth.
- (4) Memorandum by the Acting Public Service Commissioner in connexion with the Award.
- (5) Copy of the "reasons for judgment" of the Deputy President.

Awards Varied—

- (1) Copy of Order varying Award, which has been made by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration;
- (2) Statement of the Laws and Regulations of the Commonwealth with which, in the opinion of the Deputy President of the Court, the Order is not or may not be in accord;
- (3) Opinion of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth; and
- (4) Copy of the "reasons for judgment" of the Deputy President—
On plaint submitted by—
Australian Letter Carriers' Association—Order dated 25th October, 1915, varying Award dated 8th April, 1915.
Postal Sorters' Union of Australia—Order dated 13th October, 1915, varying Award dated 11th June, 1915.
Small Arms Factory Employees' Association—Order dated 17th May, 1916, varying Award dated 19th April, 1915.

3. FEDERAL CAPITAL PLAN—REFERENCE TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That the adopted plan for the Federal Capital be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Works for the necessary authority to proceed with the execution of the work from time to time as required by the Government.

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.

23rd May, 1916.

4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business No. 1, be postponed until a later hour this day.
5. **REPRESENTATION BILL (1916).**—Mr. Tudor, pursuant to leave given yesterday, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to the Appointment of an Enumeration Day for the purposes of the ‘Representation Act 1905’*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
Clause 3 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. Tudor, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Appropriation Bill 1915-16]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 116.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this Session of the Parliament*,” to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916, a.m.

[Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1915-16]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 117.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of the Parliament 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.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916, a.m.

[War Loan Bill (1916)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 118.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of Fifty Million Pounds for War purposes*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916, a.m.

[War Loan Bill (United Kingdom) (No. 1) (1916)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 119.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘War Loan Act 1914,’ and the ‘War Loan Act (No. 2) 1915’*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916, a.m.

[Public Service (Acting Commissioner) Bill]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 120.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the appointment, temporarily, of an Acting Public Service Commissioner*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916, a.m.

23rd May, 1916.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1916).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 121.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to authorize the transfer to and the vesting in any authority incorporated by any law of the Commonwealth of lands acquired by the Commonwealth under the 'Lands Acquisition Act 1906'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

8. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1916).—Mr. O'Malley 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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
9. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION FUND BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Jensen 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—

On the motion of Mr. Wise, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Line 11, after "War Council" insert "and approved of by the Governor-General".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Page, the following amendments were made :—

Line 21, after "deposit" insert "or on current account".

Lines 22 and 23, omit "or in current account in the Commonwealth Bank".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, the following amendment was made :—

Line 42, omit "relief".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, sub-clause (2.), lines 1 and 2, omit "Prime Minister" and insert "Commonwealth Treasurer".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Jensen 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. Jensen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. 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. 140.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that a further appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Pensions Act 1914-1915*.

Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

23rd May, 1916.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—That it is expedient that a further appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Pensions Act 1914–1915*.

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.

11. WAR PENSIONS BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Higgs moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of a proposed amendment in clause 4.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, after paragraph (a) insert the following new paragraph :—

“(aa) by omitting from sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of the proviso the words “or, by parents who though not dependent upon the earnings of the member at the time of his death are at any time within five years after such death, without adequate means of support, within five years after such death;” and inserting in their stead the words “except in the case of parents who though not dependent upon the earnings of the member at the time of his death are at any time without adequate means of support”; and

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter 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 and passed.

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.

12. WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Jensen 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—

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, the following amendment was made :—

Line 9, after “amended” insert—

(a) by inserting after sub-section (1.) the following sub-section :—

“(1A.) The Governor-General may make such regulations as he thinks desirable for the more effectual prosecution of the war, or the more effectual defence of the Commonwealth or of the realm, prescribing and regulating—

(a) any action to be taken by or in regard to alien enemies, or persons having enemy associations or connexions, with reference to the possession and ownership of their property, the continuance or discontinuance of their trade or business, and their civil rights and obligations; and

(b) the conditions (including times, places, and prices) of the disposal or use of any property goods articles or things of any kind; and

(c) the requisitioning of any goods articles or things of any kind.”;

and (b).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, the following New Clause was added to the Bill:—

3. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force at the date of the commencement of the *War Precautions Act* 1914, and all regulations purporting to have been made under that Act shall have effect accordingly as if made in pursuance of the power conferred by this Act.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Jensen 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. Jensen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. PATENTS ACT (PARTIAL SUSPENSION) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

14. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1916).—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. 139—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter 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 and passed.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Higgs and Mr. O'Malley 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.

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, and 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.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 7 and 8, be postponed until a later hour this day.

16. WAR CENSUS BILL (1916).—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.

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. O'Malley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. RULES PUBLICATION BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Tudor 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

18. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*War Loan Bill (United Kingdom) (No. 2) (1916)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 122.*The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the borrowing of money from the Government of the United Kingdom for War purposes,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.[*States Loan Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 123.*The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be Loaned to, and the Advancing of Moneys to, certain States,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.[*Representation Bill (1916)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 124.*The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Appointment of an Enumeration Day for the purposes of the 'Representation Act 1905'*," to which it has agreed without amendment.THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.

19. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Tudor 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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20. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Webster 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Webster, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Tudor 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22. CUSTOMS BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business No. 15, be postponed until a later hour this day.
24. TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business No. 17, be postponed until a later hour this day.
26. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR PENSIONS BILL (1916).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 125.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'War Pensions Act 1914-1915,'" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.

23rd May, 1916.

27. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1916-17.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate—That a sum not exceeding Two million seven hundred and fifty-two thousand three hundred and eighty-eight pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1917.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1916-17.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1916-17, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding Six hundred and sixty-two thousand and eighty-five pounds.

Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

29. 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.
30. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, were adopted by the House.
31. WAYS AND MEANS—RESOLUTIONS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1916-17.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1917, a sum not exceeding Two million seven hundred and fifty-two thousand three hundred and eighty-eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1916-17.

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 1916-17, a sum not exceeding Six hundred and sixty-two thousand and eighty-five 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, at its next meeting, 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. Tudor do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

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32. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1916-17.—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 seventeen,*” 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, and 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.

33. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1916-17.—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 seventeen 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, and 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.

34. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. OZANNE).—Mr. Tudor moved, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to the honorable Member for Corio (Mr. Ozanne), absent on military service with the Australian Expeditionary Forces.

Question—put and passed.

35. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

36. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three p.m. on a date to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which day of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

37. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 126.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to make provision for the Administration of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund.*”

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1916)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 127.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

23rd May, 1916.

[*War Precautions Bill* (1916)].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 128.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend Section Four of the 'War Precautions Act 1914-1915'.*"

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—Regulations amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 86.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—Tighe's Hill, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 79.

Department of the Navy—

Naval Defence Act—Regulations amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 95.

39. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1916-17.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 129.

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 seventeen,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

40. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1916-17.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 130.

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 seventeen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until three o'clock p.m., on a day to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Patten, Mr. Poynton, General Ryrie*, Mr. Spence, and Mr. John Thomson.

* On leave.

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