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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1916.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of 23rd May last.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Mr. Speaker:—

[*Acts Interpretation Bill (1916)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 141.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1901' and the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1904,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*Appropriation Bill 1915-16*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 142.

A Bill intituled "*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,*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1915-16*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 143.

A Bill intituled "*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.,*" 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,
30th May, 1916.

30th August, 1916.

[*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund Bill*]

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 144.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Administration of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund*," 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,
30th May, 1916.

[*Customs Bill (1916)*]

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 145.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to Amend Section Eight of the Customs Act 1901-1914*," 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,
30th May, 1916.

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

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 146.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions*," 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,
30th May, 1916.

[*Lands Acquisition Bill (1916)*]

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 147.

A Bill intituled "*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'*," 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,
30th May, 1916.

[*Patents Act (Partial Suspension) Bill*]

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 148.

A Bill intituled "*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*," 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,
30th May, 1916.

[*Post and Telegraph Bill (1916)*]

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 149.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Seven of the 'Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1913'*," 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,
30th May, 1916.

[*Public Service Bill (1916)*]

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 150.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Two of the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902-1915'*," 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,
30th May, 1916.

30th August, 1916.

[*Public Service (Acting Commissioner) Bill*]-R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 151.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the appointment, temporarily, of an Acting Public Service Commissioner,*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*Representation Bill (1916)*]-R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 152.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the appointment of an Enumeration Day for the purposes of the 'Representation Act 1905,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*Rules Publication Bill (1916)*]-R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 153.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to repeal Sections Three and Four of the 'Rules Publication Act 1903,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*States Loan Bill*]-R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 154.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be Loaned to, and the Advancing of Moneys to, certain States,*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*Supply Bill (No. 1) 1916-17*]-R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 155.

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 seventeen,*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*Supply (Works and Buildings) Bill (No. 1) 1916-17*]-R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 156.

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 seventeen 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,
30th May, 1916.

30th August, 1916.

[*Trading with the Enemy Bill* (1916)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 157.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the ' Trading with the Enemy Acts 1914,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*War Census Bill* (1916)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 158.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the ' War Census Acts 1915,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*War Loan Bill* (1916)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 159.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of Fifty million pounds for War purposes,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*War Loan Bill (United Kingdom) (No. 1)* (1916)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 160.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the ' War Loan Act 1914,' and the ' War Loan Act (No. 2) 1915,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*War Loan Bill (United Kingdom) (No. 2)* (1916)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 161.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the borrowing of money from the Government of the United Kingdom for War Purposes,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*War Pensions Bill* (1916)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 162.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the ' War Pensions Act 1914-1915,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.[*War Precautions Bill* (1916)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 163.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Four of the ' War Precautions Act 1914-1915,'*" 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,
30th May, 1916.

30th August, 1916.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 30th June, 1916, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Department of External Affairs—

Agriculture—Memorandum respecting the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

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

Prime Minister's Department—

Dominions Royal Commission (Imperial)—(Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions)—Memorandum and Tables prepared by—as to the Trade Statistics and Trade of the Self-Governing Dominions—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Pearl Shelling Industry—Report and Recommendation of the Royal Commission on.

Premiers' Conference—held at Adelaide, May, 1916—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates; together with Appendices.

The War—

Belligerents—Rights of—Further Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the United States Government respecting, viz. :—

Correspondence, dated 2nd April, 1915, &c.—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Correspondence, dated 5th November, 1915, &c.—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Conference—Recommendations of the Economic Conference of the Allies held at Paris, June, 1916—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Defence of the Realm Regulations—(Imperial)—Amendments—Copy of Supplement to *London Gazette*, dated 22nd April, 1916.

Goltz, Horst Von Der, *alias* Bridgeman Taylor—Sworn Statement by—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Kut-El-Amara—Papers relating to Major-General C. V. F. Townshend's appreciation of the position after the Battle of—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Parcels and Letter Mails—

Memorandum presented by His Majesty's Government and the French Government to Neutral Governments regarding the Examination of—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Note from the United States Government regarding the Examination of—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Poland—Proposals for affording relief to.

Prisoners of War, &c.—

Employment of British and German—in Poland and France respectively—Correspondence (Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Transfer to Switzerland of British and German Wounded and Sick Combatant Prisoners of War—Correspondence with the United States Ambassador (Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Treatment of—

British Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians in Germany—Further Correspondence with the United States Ambassador (dated 13th October, 1915, &c.) (Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Ruhleben Internment Camp—Conditions in—

Correspondence with the United States Ambassador (Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Report by Dr. A. E. Taylor *re* Diet and Nutrition (Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Further Correspondence *re* Diet and Nutrition (Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Wittenberg Camp—Report of the Government Committee on the Treatment by the Enemy of British Prisoners of War regarding the conditions obtaining at, during the Typhus Epidemic of 1915 (Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Department of Defence—

Camps—Sickness in, in all Military Districts for six months ending 30th June, 1916.

Clothing Factory—Report for—

Year ending 30th June, 1914.

Year ended 30th June, 1915.

Small Arms Factory—Annual Report of the Manager for year ended 30th June, 1914.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 142
Public Service Act—

Eleventh Report on the Public Service (1914-15) by the Commissioner.

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 41, 115.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 110, 113, 120, 139, 145, 146, 147, 149, 171-3, 180.

Promotion of R. A. Arnold, as Examiner, 4th Class, Naval and Military Section, Auditor-General's Office, Western Australia.

Department of Home Affairs—

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 132.

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act—

Goods Rates, South Australian Division.

Traffic By-laws Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 170.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—

Belmont, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Bunbury, Western Australia—For Quarantine purposes

Clare, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Cockburn Sound, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Congwarra, Federal Territory—For Defence and Federal Capital purposes.

Goorooyarroo, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Military Road, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Newcastle, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Phillips Ponds, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

Port Augusta, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

Port Stephens, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Race Dam, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

Willow Tree, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Wungong, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Pine Creek to Katherine River Railway Act—Proposed Goods Rates.

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

C. S. Daley, as Clerk, 3rd Class, Public Works Branch, Central Staff.

G. P. Gay, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accounts Branch, Queensland.

G. Horner, to 3rd Class, Clerical Division (as Divisional Returning Officer for Wakefield).

Seat of Government Acceptance Act—Ordinance of 1916—No. 1—Careless Use of Fire, together with Regulations thereunder.

Department of External Affairs—

Naturalization Act—

Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 104.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 186.

Norfolk Island—

Ordinance of 1916—

No. 1.—Importation of Plants.

Papua—

Ordinance of 1915—No. 11.—Probate and Administration.

Ordinance of 1916—No. 2.—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1), 1915-16.

Department of the Treasury—

Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 84, 92, 100, 121.

Commonwealth Workmen's Compensation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 124.

Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during year ended 30th June, 1915.

Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 107.

Public Service Act—

Taxation Branch—

Abolition of certain offices and creation of others, and promotion of the following

Clerks :—

Central Staff—

H. F. Brodribb, D. M. Ray, S. M. White, to 3rd Class.

L. R. Roche, to 4th Class.

New South Wales—

T. J. Schmidt, to 3rd Class.

Victoria—

R. W. Chenoweth, G. M. Garcia, to 3rd Class.

E. H. Ivey, J. Y. McGrath, J. N. O'Connor, to 4th Class.

Queensland—

E. F. Hamilton, W. Kelly, to 3rd Class.

South Australia—

L. S. Jackson, M. D. Mears, to 3rd Class.

M. J. O'Flaherty, F. B. Lee, to 4th Class.

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PAPERS—continued.

Department of the Treasury—continued.

Public Service Act—continued.

Abolition of certain offices and creation of others, and promotion of the following Clerks—continued.

Western Australia—

R. G. Friel, as Senior Clerk, 3rd Class.

Tasmania—

J. Adams, as Senior Clerk, 3rd Class.

H. B. Jackson, to 4th Class.

Promotions of—

L. C. Kemp and E. T. Finn, as Clerks, 4th Class, Queensland.

A. T. Hutchison, as Clerk, 4th Class, South Australia.

Department of the Navy—

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1916, No. 153.

(Financial and Allowance)—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 154, 191.

Department of Defence—

Defence Act—

Military Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 166.

Regulations, Amended, &c.—

Employment of Persons in a Civil Capacity—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 160.

Factories (Government)—Conduct and Management of—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 156.

Military Forces—

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 175, 179.

(Financial and Allowance)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 164.

Military Forces and Senior Cadets—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 178.

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

Central Staff—

J. K. Jensen, as Clerk, 2nd Class.

H. D. Stiles, as Clerk, 3rd Class.

H. H. Potts, as Clerk, 3rd Class.

A. S. V. Smith, as Clerk, 4th Class.

War Precautions Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 98, 105, 106, 111, 117, 118, 119, 125, 126, 130.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 134, 137, 138, 140, 141, 148, 150, 151, 159, 165, 167, 168, 176, 177, 187, 188.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Post and Telegraph Act—

Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 76, 85, 91, 93, 94, 99, 101, 108, 109, 114, 133, 143, 144, 157, 158, 174, 181-3.

(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 89, 123, 127.

Public Service Act—

Promotions of—

P. A. Weeks, as Clerk, 4th Class, New South Wales.

J. H. Barrow, as Clerk, 3rd Class, New South Wales.

S. N. Gaskell, as Clerk, 4th Class, South Australia.

S. Ellis, as Postmaster, 2nd Class, Ballarat.

G. E. Porter, as Clerk, 3rd Class, Victoria.

W. H. Tucker, as Clerk, 4th Class, Victoria.

H. F. Wilkins, as Supervisor, 3rd Class, Townsville.

Department of Trade and Customs—

Beer Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 185.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 103.

Customs Act—

Regulations Amended—

(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 90.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 152, 184.

Proclamations Prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Arms, &c. (dated 28th June, 1916).

Amendment of the foregoing (foodstuffs) (dated 16th August, 1916).

Butter (dated 16th August, 1916).

Proclamation Prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Goods to Liberia (dated 26th July, 1916).

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PAPERS—*continued.*Department of Trade and Customs—*continued.*Customs Act—*continued.*

Exportation of Goods—

Lists of Persons to whom Goods may be exported (with Minister's permission) in—
China and Siam—

Dated 21st June, 1916.

Dated 15th July, 1916.

Liberia (dated 21st July, 1916).

Proclamation Prohibiting Importation of Foreign Soap (except under certain conditions)
(dated 9th August, 1916).

4. 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—

Customs House, Sydney—Alterations and Additions—Further Report, together with Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement showing the Government proposals for obtaining recruits for War Service—and moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Friday next.

Mr. Joseph Cook having addressed the House—

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Friday next, 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, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hampson, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne*, Mr. Palmer, General Ryrie*, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Stumm, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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