

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1916-17.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 131.

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, 14th September, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Department of Home Affairs—  
Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—Cost of, Rolling-stock, and Estimated Revenue and Expenditure.  
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY.—Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Hughes—That the Report of the Royal Commission on the charges made by D. L. Gilchrist, laid on the Table on the 13th instant, be printed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Attorney-General's Department—  
Designs Act and Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)  
—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 65.  
Patents Act—Regulations Amended—  
(Provisional) Statutory Rules 1916, No. 45.  
Statutory Rules 1916, No. 162.  
Patents Act and Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)  
—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 66.  
Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916,  
Nos. 220, 221, 222.  
Trade Marks Act and Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act—Regulation Amended  
(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 64.  
War Census Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 14, 131.

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6. **MILITARY SERVICE REFERENDUM 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. Burns 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 Wednesday next.

7. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.**—**SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 1916-17.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 166.*

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 seventeen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

Melbourne, 14th September, 1916.

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

8. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.**—**ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1916-17.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 167.*

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,  
Melbourne, 15th September, 1916.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past four 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. Anstey, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Catts, Mr. Dankel, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hampson, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Page, Mr. Palmer, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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