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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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No. 124.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:—
  - Interim Financial Statement by the Honorable Alexander Poynton, Treasurer of the Commonwealth, on the 6th December, 1916.
  - Death and Invalidity in the Commonwealth—Committee concerning Causes of—Report on Tuberculosis.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
  - The War—Submarines—Memorandum respecting the Treatment of Belligerent Submarines in Neutral Waters communicated by the Allied Governments to the Governments of certain Neutral Maritime States.—(Paper presented to the British Parliament.)
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
  - The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
    - War Precautions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 299.
3. SUPPLY [INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1916-17.

Debate resumed on the Interim Financial Statement, and on the motion of Mr. Poynton (*see page 521 ante*), That there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the 30th day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, a sum not exceeding £3,293,290.

Mr. Higgs moved as an amendment, That the sum be reduced by £1,000,000.

Debate continued.

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

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The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott\*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Ozanne\*, General Ryrie\*, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

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*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*