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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1916.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Science and Industry—Commonwealth Advisory Council—Memorandum on the Organization of Scientific Research Institutions in the United States of America by Gerald Lightfoot, M.A., F.S.S.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Mathews rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The intention of the Government to export half the iron and steel produced in Australia, thereby causing unemployment and restriction of industry here, without any appreciable benefit to the Empire".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Mathews moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and Business of the Day was called on.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Customs Act—Proclamation prohibiting the Exportation of Wire Ropes and High Speed Tool Steel (unless under certain conditions).  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 294, 295.  
Defence Act and War Precautions Act—War Service Regulations Amended and Repealed—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 296, 305.  
Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1916—No. 2—Noxious Weeds.  
Papua—Ordinance of 1916—No. 11—Post and Telegraph.  
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 250, 252, 254, 255, 263, 272, 283, 284.
5. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1916) (No. 2).—Mr. Poynton moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Acts* 1915, as amended by the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1916.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Poynton 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1916-17.

Mr. Poynton moved, 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 Two million seven hundred and two thousand seven hundred and sixty pounds for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Original motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Poynton 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.
8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, was adopted by the House.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1916-17.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Poynton—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 Two million seven hundred and two thousand seven hundred and sixty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Poynton and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1916-17.—Mr. Poynton 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 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. Poynton 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, after debate, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.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. Fleming, Mr. Greene, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Pigott, General Ryrie\*, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

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*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*