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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 128.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 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. 3) 1916-17.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 139.

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,*" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1916.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follow:—

SCHEDULE SHOWING REQUESTS MADE BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS IN SUPPLY BILL
(No. 3) 1916-17.

No. 1.—Page 1, Clause 2, lines 9 and 10, leave out—

“Three million two hundred and ninety-three thousand two hundred and ninety”,
and insert in lieu thereof—

“Two million one hundred and ninety-five thousand five hundred and twenty-seven”.

No. 2.—Page 16, Schedule, leave out the amount of the total, “3,293,290”, and insert “2,195,527” in lieu thereof, and make consequential amendments in the Schedule.

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Mr. Poynton moved, That the requested Amendments be not made.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Patten
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Pigott
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Groom	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Hughes	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Webster
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Wise
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Orchard	Mr. Greene

Noes, 16.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Hampson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Burns
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Poynton, the House adopted the Report

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate.

3. WAYS AND MEANS—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the following motion of Mr. Poynton (*see page 536 ante*)—That a tax be imposed upon payments for admission to entertainments, at the following rates, namely:—

Payment for Admission (excluding the amount of Tax).	Rate of Tax.
Not less than fivepence and not exceeding sixpence	½d.
Exceeding sixpence and not exceeding one shilling	1d.
Exceeding one shilling	1d. for the first shilling, and one half-penny for every sixpence or part of sixpence by which the payment exceeds one shilling.

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Poynton, pursuant to contingent notice, the Standing Orders were suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

The Resolution 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.

Mr. Poynton then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Impose a Tax upon Payments for Admission to Entertainments,*" 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.

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Mathews moved the following amendment:—

Lines 13 to 16, omit these lines.

Debate ensued.

Progress 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.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1916-17.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 141.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has considered the Message of that House, dated 15th December, 1916, in reference to such Bill, and has resolved to press its requests Nos. 1 and 2 as originally requested.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1916.

Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be laid aside.

Question—put and passed.—Bill laid aside.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1916-17 (No. 2).—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. 176.

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.

Melbourne, 15th December, 1916.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith in Committee of Supply.

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

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1916-17 (No. 2).

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Poynton—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 £2,195,527.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, 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.

15th December, 1916.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1916-17 (No. 2).

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Poynton—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 one hundred and ninety-five thousand five hundred and twenty-seven 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 its next sitting, 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 BILL (No. 3) 1916-17 (No. 2).—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*," 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 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. Poynton, the House adopted the Report, and, after debate, the Bill was read a third time.

11. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 4—

Debate resumed on the amendment, moved by Mr. Mathews, That lines 13 to 16 be omitted.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Groom	Mr. Spence
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Hughes	Mr. John Thomson
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Manifold	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Greene

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Burns	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Patten
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Hampson	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Lynch	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Patten moved the following amendment:—

Line 16, at end of line, after "ld." add the words "provided that this does not apply to picture shows".

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Burns	Mr. Patten	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Groom	Mr. Riley	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Hampson	Mr. Stumm	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Hannan	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Dankel	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Spence
Mr. Lynch		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Mahony		Sir William Irvine	Mr. Webster
Mr. Parker Moloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Orchard	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Page	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Manifold	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Palmer	Mr. Greene

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Finlayson moved the following amendment :—

Line 16, after “shilling” insert “with an exemption of Fifty pounds per week on the gross takings.”

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on clause continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 3) 1916-17.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 140.

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.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1916, a.m.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1916-17 (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 142.

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.

THOS. GIVENS,
President

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1916.

14. UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATIONS BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, that he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Unlawful Associations and Members thereof and certain offences.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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 the next day of sitting.

15. MARRIAGE (ACTIVE SERVICE) BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Marriage.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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 the next day of sitting.

16. DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to promote the Earlier Use of Daylight in Certain Months Yearly, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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 the next day of sitting.

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17. ADDITIONAL DAY OF SITTING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at a quarter past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McGrath*, Mr. Ozanne*, General Ryrie*, Mr. West, Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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