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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 147.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Hughes informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address-in-Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.
4. THE WAR—PRODUCING INDUSTRIES AND SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a statement to the House with reference to the position of the sugar, wool, wheat and fruit industries, and the shipping difficulties arising out of the war.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1917-18.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

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 eighteen,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th July, 1917.

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6. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1916-17].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Estimates for 1916-17 considered as a whole, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate agreed to.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That the following Resolutions be reported to the House:—

ESTIMATES, 1916-17.

That, including the several sums already voted in the two last preceding Sessions of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1916-17, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £15,142,905:—

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The Parliament	43,393
Prime Minister's Department	153,985
The Department of the Treasury	765,032
The Attorney-General's Department	72,370
The Home and Territories Department	656,049
The Department of Defence—Military	1,849,201
The Department of the Navy	1,533,762
The Department of Trade and Customs	578,220
The Department of Works and Railways	1,026,951
The Postmaster-General's Department	5,141,047
War Services	1,941,330
	13,761,340
Accountant (Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund)	320
Australian Notes Branch	9,608
Stamp Printing	1,360
Refunds of Revenue	470,000
Advance to the Treasurer	750,000
Northern Territory Hotels	2,400
Assistant to Naval Representative	525
Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta Railway	17,052
Universal Military Training (Citizen Forces)—Pay	60,000
Permanent Force (Sea-Going)—Pay	25,000
Citizen Naval Forces (Royal Australian Naval Reserve)—Pay	45,300
	15,142,905

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1916-17.

That, including the several sums already voted in the two last preceding Sessions of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1916-17, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £5,515,684.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
8. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, were adopted by the House.
9. WAYS AND MEANS [ESTIMATES 1916-17].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1916-17.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1916-17, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £161,565.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1916-17.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1916-17, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £5,515,684, including the several sums already granted in the two last preceding Sessions of Parliament for such purpose.

Resolutions 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, at its next meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL 1916-17.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for 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 seventeen and to appropriate the supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1916-17.—Sir John Forrest also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate the supplies granted by 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 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.

Sir John Forrest 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Wheat Storage.

Question—put and passed.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Fleming, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, General Ryrie, Mr. John Thomson, and Mr. Yates.

*On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.