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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 3.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1917.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (GENERAL ABBOTT, MR. BURCHELL, MR. MCGRATH, AND GENERAL RYRIE).—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to the honorable Member for New England (General Abbott), the honorable Member for Fremantle (Mr. Burchell), the honorable Member for Ballaarat (Mr. McGrath), and the honorable Member for North Sydney (General Ryrie), who are absent from the Commonwealth with the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.  
Question—put and passed.
3. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

*The Parliament of the Commonwealth.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Llewelyn Atkinson, Esquire,  
The Honorable Frederick William Bamford, and  
Matthew Charlton, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this eighteenth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,  
Speaker.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1917-18.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

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

*Message No. 6.*

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 eighteen*", 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.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS BILL (1917).—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. 7.*

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 amend the *Freight Arrangements Act 1915*.

Melbourne, July, 1917.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUGAR PURCHASE BILL (1917).—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. 8.*

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 amend the *Sugar Purchase Act 1915*.

Melbourne, July, 1917.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN (UNITED KINGDOM) BILL (1917).—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. 9.*

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1914-1916* and the *War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1915-1916*.

Melbourne, July, 1917.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1917).—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. 10.*

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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Melbourne, 17th July, 1917.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until a later hour this day.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable Bills dealing with—

- (1) Wheat Storage,
- (2) Unlawful Associations,
- (3) Railways Construction and Management,
- (4) Public Service,
- (5) Naturalization,
- (6) War-time Profits Tax Assessment,

to be proceeded with through their several preliminary stages forthwith up to and inclusive of the moving of the second reading of each of the said Bills.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

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11. **WHEAT STORAGE BILL.**—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 12th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Wheat Storage*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Hughes moved (see entry No. 10 *ante*), That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, by leave—That the further consideration of the motion be postponed until a later hour this day.
12. **UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATIONS BILL (1917).**—Mr. Hughes moved (see entry No. 10 *ante*), That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Unlawful Associations Act 1916*.  
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.  
Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
13. **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1917).**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902–1916*.  
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.  
Mr. Hughes moved (see entry No. 10 *ante*), That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
14. **WHEAT STORAGE 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. Lynch moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
15. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—Woollahra, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.  
Public Service Act—Promotion of A. H. Hearn, Postmaster-General's Department.
16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Lamond, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McDonald<sup>a</sup>, Mr. McGrath<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Nicholls, General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. John Thomson.

<sup>a</sup> On leave.

<sup>a</sup> Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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