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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 9.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Wheat Storage*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 27th July, 1917.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Promotions of—  
V. H. Evans, Department of Defence.  
F. Mitchell and J. E. Allen, Department of Defence.  
C. A. Stinson, Department of Defence.  
A. L. Sullivan, Postmaster-General's Department.
4. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1917).—Sir John Forrest, pursuant to leave given on the 19th ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend Sections Four and Twenty-two of the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1903-1916,'*" 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.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

[*Appropriation Bill 1916-17*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

A Bill intituled "*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*" 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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[*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1916-17*]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.**Message No. 13.*

A Bill intituled "*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.*," 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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Melbourne, 27th July, 1917.

[*Unlawful Associations Bill (1917)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.**Message No. 14.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Unlawful Associations Act 1916'*," 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.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 27th July, 1917.

[*Wheat Storage Bill*]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.**Message No. 15.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Wheat Storage*," 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.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 27th July, 1917.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES LOAN 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. 16.*

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 authorize the raising of Moneys to be loaned to, and the advancing of Moneys to, certain States.

Melbourne, 31st 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 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. 17.*

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 authorize the raising and expending of the sum of One hundred million pounds for War purposes.

Melbourne, 31st 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 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. 18.*

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 Sections Four and Twenty-two of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1916*.

Melbourne, 26th 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.

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9. **WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT 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. Boyd, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, was given leave to continue his speech.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. West 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.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to 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<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>,  
Mr. McDonald\*, Mr. McGrath<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Orchard, General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Salmon\*, and  
Mr. Bruce Smith.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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