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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
4. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION 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. Rodgers 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 for five minutes.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Corser 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.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

[*Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Bill* (1917)]—

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

*Message No. 39.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Act 1912'*," 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.

Melbourne, 22nd September, 1917.

[*Shale Oil Bounty Bill*]—

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

*Message No. 40.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the production of Crude Shale Oil*," 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.

Melbourne, 22nd September, 1917.

[*Loan Bill* (1917)]—

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

*Message No. 41.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of One million eight hundred and sixty-two thousand pounds for certain purposes*," 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.

Melbourne, 22nd September, 1917.

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[*Railways Bill*]R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 42.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Construction and Management of Commonwealth Railways*," 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.

Melbourne, 22nd September, 1917.

[*Audit Bill (1917)*]R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 43.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Audit Act 1901-1912'*," 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.

Melbourne, 22nd September, 1917.

[*War-time Profits Tax Assessment Bill*]R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 44.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Profits*," 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.

Melbourne, 22nd September, 1917.

[*War-time Profits Tax Bill*]R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 45.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to Impose a Tax upon Profits*," 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.

Melbourne, 22nd September, 1917.

## 6. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 30th June, 1917; together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

A. Bennett, Postmaster-General's Department.

H. H. Neaves, Attorney-General's Department.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Burchell\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald\*, Mr. McGrath\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Story, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkins, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates<sup>a</sup>.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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