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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 25TH 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 HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
3. GRAMPPIANS BY-ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the Writ in connexion with the By-Election for the Grampians Division. The dates fixed were those announced to the House on Wednesday last.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INSCRIBED STOCK 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. 46.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1915*.

15th September, 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.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOANS SINKING FUND BILL.—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. 47.

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 provide a Sinking Fund for Loans and for other purposes.

15th September, 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.

25th September, 1917.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION APPROPRIATION BILL.—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. 48.

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 the Repatriation of Australian Soldiers.

Melbourne, 25th September, 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. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. 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.
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.)

Clause 1 read.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914* and the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1917*, the following Senators have been appointed Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz. :—Senator Henderson, Senator Needham, and Senator Newland.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913* and the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1917*, the following Senators have been appointed Members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz. :—Senator Earle, Senator Fairbairn, and Senator McDougall.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (1917).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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*^a, Mr. Burchell*^a, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. McGrath*^a, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie*^a, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

(^a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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