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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1918

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. FLINDERS ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he proposed to issue a Writ, on Friday next, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Flinders, in the State of Victoria, in the place of the Honorable Sir William Hill Irvine, resigned. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	...	...	Friday, 12th April, 1918.
Date of Nomination	...	...	Monday, 29th April, 1918.
Date of Polling	...	...	Saturday, 11th May, 1918.
Date for Return of Writ	...	...	On or before Saturday, 25th May, 1918.
3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Erection of Workshops, etc., at Flinders Naval Base.

Ordered to be printed.
4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1918).—Mr. Watt, pursuant to leave given on the 18th September last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1916,'*" 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 the next sitting.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Corn Sacks and Australian Wheat Harvest, Season 1917-18—Report by the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

High Court Procedure Act and Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 51, 52.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Caboolture, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 28, 36, 39, 44, 56, 74, 76, 77, 81, 85.

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6. PAPER—[MINISTERIAL STATEMENT].—Mr. Joseph Cook presented—
 Ministerial Statement—Changes in Ministry and Ministerial Programme,
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.
 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 to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, Government Business.
8. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1918).—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the *Lands Acquisition Act 1906-1916*.
 Question—put and passed.
9. INDUSTRIAL PEACE BILL.—Mr. Joseph Cook, for Mr. Hughes, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Maintenance of Industrial Peace, and the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes, during the present war and for six months thereafter, and for other purposes.
 Question—put and passed.
10. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY LANDS BILL.—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Lands required for the purposes of the Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Glynn 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.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1918).—Mr. Webster moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1913*.
 Question—put and passed.
12. COMMERCE (TRADE DESCRIPTIONS) BILL (1918).—Mr. Jensen moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905*.
 Question—put and passed.
13. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1918).—Mr. Joseph Cook, for Mr. Hughes, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Section Seventy-two of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902-1917*.
 Question—put and passed.
14. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1918).—Mr. Webster moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1916*.
 Question—put and passed.
15. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1917-18.

Mr. Watt moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1917-18 a sum not exceeding £5,068,484.

Debate ensued.

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.

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

And then the House, at half-past ten 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—
 Lieut.-Colonel Abbott^{*a}, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Burchell^{*a}, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming^{*a}, Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Livingston, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McGrath^{*a}, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Pigott,
 Brigadier-General Ryrie^{*a}, and Mr. Yates^{*a}.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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