

1917-18.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 46.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1918.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
The War—Holland—  
Netherlands Government—Correspondence respecting the Claims preferred against His Majesty's Government for Damages sustained by the Netherlands Steamships *Elve* and *Bernisse* through the action of German Submarines. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)  
Transit Traffic across Holland—Materials susceptible of employment as Military Supplies—  
Correspondence (dated 9th October to 6th November, 1917).  
Further correspondence (with map) (dated 10th November, 1915, to 15th January, 1918).  
(Papers presented to the British Parliament.)  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, Government Business.
4. LANDS ACQUISITION (DEFENCE) BILL.—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to enable the Commonwealth to acquire certain lands for Defence purposes.  
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.
5. 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.

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Watt, 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.

Mr. Boyd moved, as an amendment, That the sum be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

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.

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

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Burchell<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming<sup>a\*</sup>, Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Manifold\*, Mr. McGrath<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Page, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Rodgers, Brigadier-General Ryrrie<sup>\*a</sup>,  
and Mr. Yates<sup>\*a</sup>.

\* On leave.  
(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*