

1917-18

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 48.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1918

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1917; together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon.
 Ordered to be printed.
 

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

  - Inter-State Commission Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Inter-State Commission.
 Ordered to be printed.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
    - Jericho, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
    - Leichhardt, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
  - Papua—Ordinances of 1918—
    - No. 1.—Timber.
    - No. 2.—Sago.
    - No. 3.—Superannuation.
    - No. 4.—Superannuation (No. 2).
    - No. 5.—Past Officers' Superannuation.
  - Railways Act—By-law No. 3.
3. 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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Boyd, viz.:—That the sum be reduced by £1.

*Member Named.*—Mr. Considine, in addressing the Committee, used a certain expression which the Chairman ruled was out of order and must be withdrawn. Mr. Considine, refusing to withdraw the disorderly expression, was named by the Chairman for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the honorable Member for Barrier (Mr. Considine) be suspended from the service of the Committee.

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Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Higgs	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Bruce Smith		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story		
Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Leckie			
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. McWilliams		
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstance to the House, and the Speaker thereupon put the Question—That the honorable Member for Barrier (Mr. Considine) be suspended from the service of the House.

The House divided—

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Riley
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Bruce Smith		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Lamond			
Mr. Leckie	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lister	Mr. McWilliams		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the honorable Member for Barrier (Mr. Considine) was, therefore, under Standing Order 59 suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Debate continued.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1918.

Debate continued.

Question—That the sum proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West	Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fowler		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Mahony	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Groom	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Jensen	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Lamond	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Lister	
		Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lynch	Mr. Story
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Resolution be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

4. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.
5. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1917-18.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1917-18, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £5,068,484.

Resolution 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1917-18.**—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Watt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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.)*

Bill, after debate, agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Watt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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## 8. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Audit Act—Special Report of the Auditor-General (under Section 54)—Comments upon those portions of the Second Progress Report of the Royal Commission on Navy and Defence Administration which relate to the Audit Office.

Ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were presented pursuant to Statute—

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 41, 65.

## 9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past three o'clock in the morning, 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<sup>\*</sup>, Mr. Burchell<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Manifold<sup>\*</sup>, Mr. McGrath<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Page, Brigadier-General Ryrie<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates<sup>\*a</sup>.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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