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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 61.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 17TH MAY, 1918.

1. The House met at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAR LOAN BILL (1918) [£80,000,000].—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 65—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Eighty million pounds for War purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Webster moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages (up to, and inclusive of, the first reading of the Bill) to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Webster and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Webster 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 Wednesday next.

3. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1915-16.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

*Schedule* again read—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Heitmann<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lister, Mr. Manifold\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page\*, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, 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.*