

1917-18.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 74.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1918.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Charlton, for the Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Naval Bases—Expenditure in connexion with Establishing.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE—ESTIMATES, 1917-18].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

ESTIMATES, 1917-18.

Question again proposed (*see page 38 ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—  
The Parliament—namely—

The President	...	...	..	£1,100
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be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Remainder of Vote—THE PARLIAMENT—debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That the remaining Estimates be proposed in Departments.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY agreed to.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT debated and agreed to.

THE HOME AND TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—MILITARY debated—

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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The Department of Defence further debated and agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY debated and agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS debated and agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS debated and agreed to.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT debated and agreed to.

WAR SERVICES agreed to.

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*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—

That, including the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1917-18, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £17,416,635.

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The Parliament ... ..	43,201
The Prime Minister's Department ... ..	183,238
The Department of the Treasury ... ..	772,404
The Attorney-General's Department ... ..	77,130
The Home and Territories Department ... ..	548,615
The Department of Defence—Military ... ..	1,413,292
The Department of the Navy ... ..	1,482,969
The Department of Trade and Customs ... ..	779,953
The Department of Works and Railways ... ..	651,148
The Postmaster-General's Department ... ..	5,107,421
War Services ... ..	4,648,151
	15,707,522
Accountant (Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund) ...	320
The Treasury—Salaries of Officers engaged in work connected with War Precautions Act... ..	412
Australian Notes Branch ... ..	13,304
Stamp Printing ... ..	1,333
Refunds of Revenue ... ..	450,000
Advance to the Treasurer ... ..	1,000,000
Northern Territory Hotels ... ..	2,400
Cordite Factory ... ..	3,960
Small Arms Factory ... ..	2,800
Clothing Factory ... ..	1,728
Harness, Saddlery, and Accoutrements Factory ...	1,202
Woollen Cloth Factory ... ..	1,474
Universal Military Training (Citizen Forces)—Pay ...	100,000
Assistant Naval Representative in London ... ..	525
Naval Dockyard ... ..	15,000
Permanent Force (Sea-Going)—Pay ... ..	35,000
Citizen Naval Forces (Royal Australian Naval Brigade)—Pay ... ..	62,750
Wireless Workshops ... ..	1,028
Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta Railway ... ..	15,877
	17,416,635

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at its next meeting, 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 [ESTIMATES, 1917-18].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 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 £259,113.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at its next meeting, 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. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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7. APPROPRIATION BILL 1917-18.—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and to appropriate the supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*" 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.

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.

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(*In the Committee.*)

Bill 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, after debate, read a third time.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 118.  
 Public Service Act—Promotion of A. A. Adair, Attorney-General's Department.
9. ADDITIONAL DAY OF SITTING.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at eleven o'clock in the morning.  
 Question—put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.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. J. H. Catts, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming\*<sup>a</sup>, Lord Forrest, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manifold\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Page, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates\*<sup>a</sup>.

\* On leave.

(<sup>a</sup>) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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