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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1918.

- 1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair; and read Prayers.
- 2. PETITION.—Mr. Lamond presented a Petition from certain residents of Hurstville and surrounding districts, New South Wales, praying that the threepenny tickets for admission of children under twelve years of age to picture shows be exempted from taxation. Petition received.
- 3. FRENCH MISSION AND GENERAL PAU.—Mr. Watt announced to the House the arrangements made in connexion with the reception, at a later hour this day, of General Pau and the other Members of the French Mission.
- 4. ECONOMY IN PARLIAMENTARY PRINTING.—Mr. Speaker read to the House correspondence which had passed between the Acting Prime Minister and himself, and informed the House as to the economies which had been effected and which it was proposed to effect in connexion with the printing and distribution of Parliamentary publications.
- 5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1918-19.

Debate resumed on the following motion of Mr. Watt—That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraving the services of the year 1918–19 a sum not exceeding $\pounds 4,537,700$.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly. Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

- 6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr Glynn 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.
- 7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, was adopted by the House.
- 8. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1918-19.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Glynn—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1918-19, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding $\pounds 4,537,700$.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

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

Ordered.-That Mr. Glynn and Mr. Poynton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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9. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1918-19.—Mr. Glynn 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 nineteen," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4, after debate, agreed to.

Schedule-

Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment, That the amount of Division X.—The Postmaster-General's Department, be reduced by $\pounds 1$.

Debate ensued.

Question-That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced-put and negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to. .

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Webster, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rule 1918, No. 240.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Webster moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except— Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Burchell*^(a), Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^{*(a)}, Mr. Heitmann^(a), Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McDonald, Brigadier-General Ryrie^{*(a)}, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates^{*(a)}

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

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