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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
 

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No. 88.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
     Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 253.  
     Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 252.
3. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1918–19].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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 (In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (*see page 292 ant.*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—  
 The Parliament—namely—

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

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1918–19.

Vote—"Under Control of Department of Works and Railways" £165,865, debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Under Control of Postmaster-General's Department" £175,000, debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Under Control of Department of Defence—Military" £78,786, debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Under Control of Department of the Navy" £35,300, debated and agreed to.

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

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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 is as follows :—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1918–19.

*Resolved*—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1918–19, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £454,951.

On the motion of Mr. Watt, the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

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6. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION [ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1918-19].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1918-19.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1918-19, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £454,951.

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. Poynton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. **APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1918-19.**—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 nineteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*" 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.

(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 read a third time.

8. **POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1918) (No. 2).**—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Postal and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1913*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Watt 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.

Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

*Ordered*—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. **NEW STANDING ORDER—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Watt:—That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely:—

LIMITATION OF DEBATE.

262A. (I.) On the reading of a Message from the Governor-General recommending an appropriation in connexion with any Bill, on the calling on of a motion for leave to introduce a Bill, or on the consideration of any resolution preliminary to the introduction of a Bill, or at any stage of a Bill, a Member of the Government may declare that the Bill is an Urgent Bill, and, on such declaration, the question "That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill" shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed—and on such motion being agreed to without dissentient voice, or being carried by an affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members, a Member of the Government may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the House or Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the House or Committee, move a further motion or motions specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting) shall be allotted to all or any of the following:—

(a) The initial stages of the Bill (including any motion or resolution preliminary to the introduction of the Bill) up to, but not inclusive of, the Second Reading of the Bill;

(b) The Second Reading of the Bill;

(c) The Committee stage of the Bill;

(d) The remaining stages of the Bill;

and the order with regard to the time allotted to the Committee stage of the Bill may, out of the time allotted, apportion a certain time or times to a particular Clause or Clauses, or to any particular part or parts of the Bill.

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(II.) When Estimates of Expenditure are being considered, a Member of the Government may at any time declare that the Estimates are of an urgent nature, and, on such declaration, the question "That the Estimates of Expenditure be considered of an urgent nature" shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed—and on such motion being agreed to without dissentient voice, or being carried by an affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members, a Member of the Government may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the Committee, move a further motion or motions specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting) shall be allotted to each or any Department of, or to the whole of, the Estimates.

(III.) When a Customs or Excise Tariff resolution is being considered, a Member of the Government may at any time declare that the proposed resolution is of an urgent nature, and, on such declaration, the question "That the Resolution be considered of an urgent nature" shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed—and on such motion being agreed to without dissentient voice, or being carried by an affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members, a Member of the Government may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the Committee, move a further motion specifying the time or times which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting) shall be allotted to any portion or portions of the Tariff, or to the Tariff as a whole.

(IV.) When any motion of any kind whatsoever has been moved, a Member of the Government may at any time declare that the motion is an urgent motion, and, on such declaration, the question "That the motion be considered an urgent motion" shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed—and on such motion being agreed to without dissentient voice, or being carried by an affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members, a Member of the Government may forthwith move a further motion specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting) shall be allotted to the motion.

(V.) Upon such further motion or motions with regard to the allotment of time being moved, no debate thereon shall be allowed for more than one hour, and in speaking thereon no Member shall exceed ten minutes. If the debate be not sooner concluded then forthwith upon the expiration of that time the Speaker or the Chairman shall put any questions on any amendment or motion already proposed from the Chair.

(VI.) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion on the expiration of the time allotted under any motion passed under any of the preceding paragraphs of this Standing Order, the Speaker or the Chairman shall at the time appointed under the motion for the conclusion of those proceedings put forthwith the question on any amendment or motion already proposed from the Chair and, in the case of the consideration of any Bill in Committee, shall then put any clauses, and any Government amendments and new clauses and Schedules, copies of which have been circulated by the Government among Members two hours at least before the expiration of the allotted time, and any other question requisite to dispose of the business before the House or Committee. No other amendments, new clauses, or Schedules shall be proposed.

(VII.) Standing Order "A" (The Closure) adopted by the House on 23rd November, 1905, shall not apply to any proceedings in respect of which time has been allotted in pursuance of this Standing Order.

(VIII.) Where any time has been specified for the commencement of any proceedings in connexion with any business under this Standing Order, when the time so specified has been reached the business, whatsoever its nature be, then before the House or Committee shall be postponed forthwith, and the first-mentioned business shall be proceeded with, and all steps necessary to enable this to be done shall be taken accordingly—

and on the Amendment moved by Mr. Kelly, viz. :—That after the word "adopted" in line 2 of the motion the following words be inserted "for the duration of the War"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Story
Mr. Mackay	Mr. John Thomson

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Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. West
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Charlton
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1918-19.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 67.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 16th October, 1918.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Burchell\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Manifold\*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Spence, Mr. Wallace<sup>a</sup>, and Mr. Yates\*<sup>a</sup>.

\* On leave.

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

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