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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Tudor rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "Conditions obtaining on transports, and demobilization."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CHIEF JUSTICE'S PENSION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—
R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General. *Message No. 82.*
In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Grant of a Pension to the first Chief Justice of Australia.
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Promotion of H. Potter, Postmaster-General's Department.
5. WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Watt addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, was given leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Atkinson 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.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 78.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes,*" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.
The Senate, THOS. GIVENS,
Melbourne, 4th December, 1918. President.
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past 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—
Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Burchell*(a), Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming*(a), Mr. Heitmann*(a),
Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDonald, Brigadier-General Ryrie*(a),
Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Yates*(a).

* On leave.

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