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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at Eight o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DESPATCH *RE* DEATH OF KING EDWARD VII. AND ACCESSION OF KING GEORGE V.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Commonwealth of Australia,
Governor-General's Office,
Melbourne, 27th September, 1910.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the information of Members of the House of Representatives, a copy of a despatch which I have received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives, in reference to the death of His late Majesty King Edward VII.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

The Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Melbourne.

Commonwealth of Australia.
No. 315.
MY LORD,

Downing-street,
25th August, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Despatch No. 152 of the 8th of July, transmitting copies of Resolutions agreed to by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the assembling of the Fourth Commonwealth Parliament on the 1st of July, in reference to the death of His late Majesty King Edward VII., and the accession of His Majesty King George V.

2. These Resolutions have been laid before the King, and I have received His Majesty's commands to request that you will convey to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, his sincere thanks for their expression of sympathy and loyalty and for their good wishes.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,
CREWE.

Governor-General
His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Earl of Dudley, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c., &c.

4th October, 1910.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL, 1910-11.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 27.*

A Bill intituled "*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 eleven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
3rd October, 1910.

4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Frazer presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Act (sec. 140).—Proclamation exempting from the training mentioned in Part XII. all persons residing in parts indicated by untinted portions of Map attached to the Proclamation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Batchelor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua—Ordinances of 1910—

No. 11.—Supplementary Appropriation 1909-10, No. 6.

No. 12.—Appropriation 1910-11.

Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Military Forces—Regulations Amended—Nos. 3 and 3A (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 89.

6. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and sixteen thousand six hundred and nineteen pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1911.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1911, a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and sixteen thousand six hundred and nineteen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton 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 adopted.

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

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1910-11.—Mr. Fisher 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 eleven,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Fisher 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.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. TRUST FUND ADVANCES BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 25, viz. :—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize a Temporary Advance from the Trust Fund to the Consolidated Revenue Fund—

The said Report, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Fisher 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. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed without delay through all its stages.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 read and debated.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the following amendment was made in the clause:—

Line 10, after “Fund” insert “with interest at the rate of three per centum per annum.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 26, viz. :—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two million five hundred and ninety thousand pounds for Naval Defence—

The said Report, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Fisher 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. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed without delay through all its stages.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fisher 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.

4th October, 1910.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 debated, and agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

13. SOUTH AFRICAN UNION.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia offers most cordial congratulations to the Parliament of the Union of South Africa upon the establishment of a National Government and Legislature for that Dominion capable, under the blessing of Divine Providence, of accomplishing the tasks required for the development of its Provinces and for the unity of the Empire.

And Mr. Deakin having addressed the House in support of the motion—

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Resolution be transmitted to the Senate, with a Message requesting their concurrence therein.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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—Sir Robert Best, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Howe, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Roberts.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.