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(SECOND SESSION.)

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 6.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1914

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Trading with the Enemy*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.The Senate,  
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1914.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

[*Belgian Grant Bill*.]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the Sum of One hundred thousand pounds as a grant in aid to the Government of Belgium*," 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,  
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1914.[*Trading with the Enemy Bill*.]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Trading with the Enemy*," 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,  
Melbourne, 23rd October 1914.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913*, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.:—Senator The Honorable J. H. Keating, Senator P. J. Lynch, and Senator W. H. Story.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 28th October, 1914.THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

28th October, 1914.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913*, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz. :—Senator T. J. K. Bakhap, Senator A. E. H. Blakey, and Senator The Honorable J. C. Stewart.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.The Senate,  
Melbourne, 28th October, 1914.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JUDICIARY BILL (1914).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Judiciary Act 1903-1912*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.The Senate,  
Melbourne, 28th October, 1914.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Customs Act—Proclamation Prohibiting Exportation of Coal (except under certain conditions)—Dated 14th October, 1914.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Beaconsfield, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Kyogle, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Moonee Ponds, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

New Norfolk, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Toowong, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—Promotion of R. H. Crow, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accounts Branch (Expenditure), New South Wales.

Defence Department—

Defence Act—Military Forces—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 141.

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 140, 142, 143.

8. WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to enable the Governor-General to make Regulations and Orders for the safety of the Commonwealth during the present state of war.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 11 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1914).—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. 9.

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 amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911*.

28th October, 1914.

Ordered, by leave—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911*.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, the said Resolution 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the remaining Government Business be postponed until the next day of sitting.

11. FEDERAL CAPITAL—ADMINISTRATION AND EXPENDITURE.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the administration and expenditure at Canberra.

(2) That the Committee consist of Mr. Page, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Patten, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Wise, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to enable the Governor-General to make Regulations and Orders for the safety of the Commonwealth during the present state of war*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 28th October, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

13. SENATORS—METHOD OF ELECTION.—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That, with a view to securing as far as possible representation of parties in proportion to their strength at the polls, the method of election by quota and transferable vote be adopted as the method of choosing Senators.

Mr. Glynn, not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th November next.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 3 and 4 (General Business) be postponed until Thursday, 12th November next.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CRIMES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Offences against the Commonwealth*", to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 28th October, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

28th October, 1914.

The House proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 1, clause 3, line 22, after "Commonwealth" insert "and includes an officer of the Commonwealth Bank".
- No. 2.—Pages 4 and 5, leave out clause 17.
- No. 3.—Page 12, clause 47, line 17, leave out "five" insert "two".
- No. 4.—Page 21, clause 80, line 35, leave out "two" insert "seven".
- No. 5.—Page 21, clause 80, line 44, leave out "two" insert "seven".
- No. 6.—Page 23, clause 82, line 5, leave out "one year" insert "seven years."

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House agreed to the Amendments, after debate.

16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday, 11th November next, at half past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
17. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Fisher informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at a quarter past three o'clock to-morrow afternoon in the Parliamentary Library.
18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 11th November next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Arthur, Mr. Burchell, Sir John Forrest, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Jolley, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Palmer, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Webster.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*