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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER, PRINTING OF.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Paper—Reports and Recommendations of the Royal Commission on Food Supplies and Trade and Industry during the War—which was laid on the Table yesterday, be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1914).—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section fifteen of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913*.  
Question—put and passed.  
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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
4. AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL (1914).—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section six of the *Australian Notes Act 1910-1911*.  
Question—put and passed.  
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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—WORKS REFERRED TO.—Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Archibald, moved, pursuant to notice, That the following works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in accordance with provisions of *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913*, viz.:—
  1. Flinders Naval Base—Works under the control of Department of Home Affairs, including supply of water; erection of necessary buildings; sewerage, &c.
  2. Federal Capital Territory—Proposed storage and regulating reservoir, Upper Queanbeyan River.
 Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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7. WAR LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 again read—debated, and agreed to.  
 Clauses 2 to 6 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. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.  
 Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 On the motion of Mr. Fisher the Bill was read a third time.

8. LOAN BILL (1914) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 30—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(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 authorize the raising and expending of Seven million five hundred and ninety-four thousand pounds for certain purposes and for amending the *Loan Act* 1911, the *Loan Act* 1912, and the *Loan Act* 1913.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.  
 Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.  
 The said Resolution was read and, 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 contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.  
 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.  
 Clause 2 debated, and agreed to.  
 Clauses 3 to 6 agreed to.  
 Clause 7 debated, and agreed to.  
 Schedule 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. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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9. LOAN BILL (1914).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 15—  
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, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Two million pounds for the construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Fisher 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.

The said Resolution was read and, 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, 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 to 3 agreed to.

Title debated, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. John Thomson reported accordingly.

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

10. WAR PENSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill 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.)

Postponed clause 2 again read—

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, after debate, the following amendments were made:—

Page 2, line 2, after "dependent" insert " , and includes parents who though not dependent upon the earnings of the member at the time of his death are, at any time within five years after such death, without adequate means of support".

Page 2, line 3, omit "person" and insert "member".

Page 2, line 5, omit "illegitimate" and insert "ex-nuptial".

Page 2, line 7, omit "illegitimate" and insert "ex-nuptial".

Page 2, line 9, omit "illegitimate" and insert "ex-nuptial".

Page 2, line 24, omit "Minister of State for Defence" and insert "Treasurer of the Commonwealth".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. John Thomson reported accordingly.

Mr. Jensen moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 3.

And the motion being amended, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, by the addition of the words "and of clause 10"—

Question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 3 and 10—put and passed.

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

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 3—On the motion of Mr. Jensen, the following amendment was made:—

Page 2, line 51, after " member " insert " , or, by parents who though not dependent upon the earnings of the member at the time of his death are, at any time within five years after such death, without adequate means of support, within five years after such death " .

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. John Thomson reported accordingly.

Mr. Jensen 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.

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

11. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1914).—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. O'Malley addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, he was given leave to continue his speech.

Sir William Irvine moved an amendment, That all the words after the word " That " be omitted from the question with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

" the questions of—

(a) the control and development of the Commonwealth Bank;

(b) the transfer to the Bank of the management of the Note Issue; and

(c) the relations of the Bank to State and other financial institutions;

be referred to a Select Committee of this House for consideration and report."

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Debate continued.

*Member named.*—Mr. Greene having been named by Mr. Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair and having left the Chamber—

Mr. Fisher moved—That the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Greene) be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Burns	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Carr	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. West
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Page
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Yates

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. John Thomson
Sir William Irvine	
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Patten	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Sinclair

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Member named.*—Mr. Joseph Cook rising and continuing his address to the House, though called to order by Mr. Speaker, and using language which Mr. Speaker considered an insult to the Chair, Mr. Speaker named him.

And Mr. Joseph Cook having left the Chamber—

Mr. Fisher moved—That the honorable Member for Parramatta (Mr. Joseph Cook) be suspended from the service of the House until he returns, with Mr. Speaker's consent, and apologizes to Mr. Speaker.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Fisher the following amendment was made—

After "fit," insert "the whole or any part".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7, 8, 9, and 10 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 2.

Question—put and passed.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Fisher the following amendments were made:—

Line 14, after "Bank" insert "of all or any".

Line 16, after "corporation" insert "or any part thereof".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Fisher 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.

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

12. IRON BOUNTY BILL (1914).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 19—  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Tudor—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Pig Iron from Australian Ore, Thirty thousand pounds (£30,000.)

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read and, on the motion of Mr. Tudor, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Tudor 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 contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Tudor the following amendments were made:—

Page 1, line 18, after "Act:" insert "Provided that no bounty shall be paid on pig iron manufactured after the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and upon which bounty has already been paid:".

Page 1, line 19, after "Provided" insert "also".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 15 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

13. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1914).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher 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 and 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the Bill was read a third time.

14. AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL (1914).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Fisher 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 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the Bill was read a third time.

15. SPIRITS BILL (1914).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor 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 and 2 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report.  
Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.  
On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the Bill was read a third time.

16. DEFENCE BILL (1914).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Mahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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.
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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 debated, and agreed to.  
Clauses 2 to 13 agreed to.  
Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Mahon the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 42, after the word “ paragraphs :—” insert the following paragraph :—

“and (*da*) Persons who are employed in a civil capacity for any purpose in connexion with the Defence Force (whether subject to the *Commonwealth Public Service Act* 1902-1913 or not), or in any factory established in pursuance of this Act ;”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clauses 15 and 16 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr. W. Maloney reported accordingly.

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

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of Duties upon the Estates of Deceased Persons,*” 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, 17th December, 1914.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TREASURY BILLS BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bills,*” 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, 17th December, 1914.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

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19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR LOAN BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the borrowing of money from or through the Government of the United Kingdom,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th December, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) (1914).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of Seven million nine hundred and eighty-six thousand pounds for certain purposes and for amending the 'Loan Act 1911,' the 'Loan Act 1912,' and the 'Loan Act 1913,'*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th December, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (1914).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Two million pounds for the construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th December, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR PENSIONS BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the grant of Pensions upon the death or incapacity of Members of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth and Members of the Imperial Reserve Forces resident in Australia whose death or incapacity results from their employment in connexion with warlike operations,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th December, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

23. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Department of Defence—

Defence Act—Regulations amended—(Provisional)—

Financial and Allowance—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 171.

Universal Training—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 172.

24. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day at twelve o'clock noon.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at twelve o'clock noon.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Sir John Forrest, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Higgs, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Jolley\*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Riley, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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