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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 30TH APRIL, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE WAR—AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN ACTION.—Mr. Fisher read to the House the following cablegram from His Majesty the King :—

“ Buckingham Palace,
29th April, 1915,
1.55 p.m.

I heartily congratulate you upon the splendid conduct and bravery displayed by the Australian troops in the operations at the Dardanelles, who have indeed proved themselves worthy sons of the Empire.

GEORGE, R.I.”

3. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1915).—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 22nd instant, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act 1914’*”, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of Defence—
Synopsis of a Report upon the Business Branches of the Department of Defence, by Robert M. Anderson, 5th April, 1915.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Department of Home Affairs—
General Election—Statement showing the result of the checking of the Certified Lists and Rolls used in connexion with the Elections held on 5th September, 1914.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Prime Minister's Department—
River Murray Waters Agreement—Memorandum of Mr. Elwood Mead, Chairman of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, Victoria.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF EXTENSIONS, SMALL ARMS FACTORY, LITHGOW.—
Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-14*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works with a request that the reference may be dealt with as an urgent matter :—
Small Arms Factory, Lithgow—Extension of buildings, plant, &c.
Mr. Fisher laid on the Table estimates, plans, &c., and 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 Wednesday next.

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6. JUDICIARY BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following new sub-clause was added :—

“(4.) This Act shall remain in operation during the present war, and for six months thereafter, and no longer.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following amendment was made :—Line 9, omit “the Supreme”, and insert “a”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

7. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes 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—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following new sub-clause was added :—

“(3.) This Act shall remain in operation during the present war, and for six months thereafter, and no longer.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

8. DEFENCE BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Jensen 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, 2, and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, the following new clause was added :—

“4A. Section sixty-two of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (7.) thereof the word ‘second’” Amendment of s. 62.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter 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 Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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9. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Hughes 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 Wednesday next.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘War Precautions Act 1914.’*”

THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th April, 1915.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

The Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Defence Act 1903-1914.’*”

THOS. GIVENS,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th April, 1915.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JUDICIARY BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Judiciary Act 1903-1914,’*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th April, 1915.THOS. GIVENS,
President.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘High Court Procedure Act 1903,’*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th April, 1915.THOS. GIVENS,
President.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1913-14.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 50.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th April, 1915.

R. M. FERGUSON,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 51.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th April, 1915.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Patten, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Sharpe, and Mr. Wise.

* On leave.

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