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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 40.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1915

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (DALLEY DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 19th ultimo, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Dalley, in the State of New South Wales, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that William George Mahony had been elected in pursuance thereof.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—William George Mahony, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. THE WAR—AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN ACTION.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That this House congratulates the Military Forces of the Commonwealth on the soldierly qualities displayed at the Dardanelles.  
Mr. Joseph Cook seconded the motion, and, all Members standing, the motion was agreed to, and three cheers were given for the Australian troops.
5. THE WAR—S.S. *LUSITANIA*.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That this House expresses its sympathy with the relatives of those who, by the sinking of the *Lusitania*, were wantonly murdered on the high seas in the name of war.  
Mr. Joseph Cook seconded the motion.  
Question—put and passed.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO CRIMES BILL (1915).—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. 56.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Crimes Act 1914'*," 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, 7th May, 1915.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Prime Minister's Department—  
The War—Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the United States Government respecting the Rights of Belligerents.  
Department of Trade and Customs—  
Loss of F.I.S. *Endeavour*—Report of the Court of Marine Inquiry.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Home Affairs—

Census and Statistics Act—Statistics Commodity Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 50.

Meteorology Act—Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 49.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Amungula, Canberra, Ginninderra, Goorooyarroo, Majura, Molonglo, Pialligo, Wallaroo, and Weetangera, partly in Federal Territory and partly in the State of New South Wales—For Federal Capital purposes.

Bherwerre, New South Wales—For establishment of a port in connexion with the Seat of Government and for Defence purposes (2).

Cockburn Sound, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Sydney, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—

Promotions of—

A. C. Joyce, as Clerk, 3rd Class, and H. O. Townsend, as Clerk, 4th Class, Chief Accountant's Office, Central Staff.

S. Rankin, Manager, Clerical Division, 2nd Class, Electrical Engineer's Branch (Telephones), Queensland.

Department of Defence—

Defence Act—

Universal Training—Regulation (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 46.

Royal Military College—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 55.

War Precautions Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 47.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS—Ordered—That the Notices of Motion and Order of the Day, Government Business No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 3.

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

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(In the Committee.)

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That a sum not exceeding One million one hundred and forty-three thousand three hundred and forty-three pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1915.

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

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The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—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.

11. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, was adopted by the House.

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

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(In the Committee.)

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1915, a sum not exceeding One million one hundred and forty-three thousand three hundred and forty-three pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

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The House resumed; Mr. Chanter 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, 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.

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13. SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1914-1915.—Mr. Fisher then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for 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 fifteen,*" 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.

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(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 5, inclusive, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Catts, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Groom, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lynch, Colonel Ryrie\*, and Mr. Sharpe.

• On leave.

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