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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE, 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. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Joseph Cook rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The delay in instituting a second shift at the Small-Arms Factory."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119 the Orders of the Day were called on.
3. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1914-15].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1914-15.

Division No. 107, subdivision No. 1, further debated.
Progress to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1915-16.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 sixteen,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th June, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1915-16.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 57.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 sixteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th June, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 58.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Lighthouses Act 1911*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th June, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Prime Minister's Department—

The War—

Violation of the Rights of Nations and of the Laws and Customs of War in Belgium—
Reports of the Official Commission of the Belgian Government; with an Appendix and Extracts from the Pastoral Letter of Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines.
Treatment of British Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians at certain places of detention in Germany—Reports by United States Officials.

Alleged German Outrages—Committee appointed by the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith,
First Lord of H.M. Treasury.
Report by the Committee.
Appendix to the Report.

Gifts from the Oversea Dominions and Colonies—Further Correspondence.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past four 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—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Charlton, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Lynch, and Colonel Ryrie*.

* On leave.

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