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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH JULY, 1915.

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

2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO WAR CENSUS BILL.—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. 83.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to War Census*," 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, 28th July, 1915.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO WAR LOAN BILL (No. 1) (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. 84.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of Twenty million pounds for War purposes*," 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, 28th July, 1915.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN [KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY] BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 69.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of One million five hundred thousand pounds for the Construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th July, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

29th July 1915.

5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Carr 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 implied intention of the Government to transfer the making of small arms from Lithgow to Canberra."

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. Carr 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 Business of the Day was called on.

6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister's Department—

Dominions Royal Commission (Imperial)—Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions—Minutes of Evidence taken in Newfoundland in 1914.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented pursuant to Statute—

Department of Defence—

War Precautions Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 119.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land Acquired under, at—

Burwood, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Chippendale, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Enmore, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Launceston, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Townsville, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Transcontinental Railway Route—South Australia—For Railway purposes—

At 158½ miles from Port Augusta.

At 187 miles from Port Augusta.

At 205½ miles from Port Augusta.

Waverley, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Wynyard, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

7. WAR PENSIONS BILL (1915).—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.)

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Greene moved the following amendment, viz.—at end of clause add the following new sub-section—

"(3.) In assessing the rate of pension due to a dependant the Commissioner or Deputy-Commissioner shall assess it at a rate not less than the amount contributed by the member for the support of the dependant during the period of twelve months prior to his death or being incapacitated; provided such assessment shall not exceed the amount specified in column two of the Schedule opposite to the rate of pay of the member."

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Hannan moved the following amendment, viz., line 36, after "pensions" insert "providing that such assessment shall not be less than Fifty-two pounds per annum."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Charlton, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

At end of clause add—"Provided that in the case of a pensioner with dependants upon him, the amount forfeited during the term of his imprisonment shall be paid to such dependants."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause 11 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 12 to 19 inclusive agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and the third reading of the Bill was made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Prime Minister's Department—
 Liverpool Military Camp, New South Wales—Further Interim Report on, by His Honour Mr. Justice Rich.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.
 Question—put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1914-15.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding session of the Parliament,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 29th July, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

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

And then the House, at seven minutes past ten 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. Chapman, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie*, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

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