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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY. 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO WAR PENSIONS 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. 93.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'War Pensions 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, 2nd September, 1915.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1915-16. — 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. 94.

A Bill intituled "*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*," 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.

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4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Prime Minister's Department—

The War—Further Correspondence with the United States Ambassador respecting the Treatment of British Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians in Germany—Paper presented to British Parliament.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission Act—

Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation—Appendices to Reports: Statistical and other information, and Evidence—

Glass; Glass Bottles; Glassware; and Stained Glass Windows.

Machinery and Implements, Agricultural: also Incubators and Irrigation Apparatus.

Marble.

Pianos.

Timber.

Vessels—Ships, Dredges, &c.

Miscellaneous Group III.—Cookers, Steam. Gold Leaf. Gold Sheet, Wire, and Solder. Lead Wool. Incandescent Mantles. Malleable Iron Castings. Metal Plate Goods. Metal Printing. Oil Drums. Picks, Miners'. Snap-Hooks, Drawer-Handles Pulls, Ticket-Holders, Bolts and Nuts, Twine Holders and Reel Paper Cutters. Spirit Gas Stoves (Heaters). Wire, Brass Pinion. Wire Netting. Woven Wire and Woven Wire Fencing.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—Temporary Employees—Return for year 1914-15.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Kalgoorlie, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Lytton, Queensland—For Quarantine purposes.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—

Appointments, as Engineer Operators, Wireless Telegraph Stations, of—

A. Bagot, Class F, Adelaide.

F. J. C. Bridges, Class E, Broome.

V. Hodson, Class E, Darwin.

C. C. King, Class F, Hobart.

N. H. Mayger, Class E, Thursday Island.

C. G. B. Meredith, Class E, Melbourne.

G. G. Phillips, Class E, Townsville.

E. H. Smellie, Class E, Port Moresby.

Promotion of—R. W. Hamilton, as Clerk, 3rd Class, Accounts Branch (Expenditure), New South Wales.

Department of the Navy—

Naval Defence Act—Naval Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 149.

5. OBJECTION TO RULING OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion by Mr. Joseph Cook at the last sitting, to dissent from a ruling of Mr. Speaker—That Mr. Speaker's ruling be dissented from—he having laid down that no reference may be made to the general financial position, on the third reading of the Income Tax Bill—

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

6. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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. Joseph Cook addressing the House, 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 to-morrow.

7. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Archibald moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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8. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) 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.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Burns	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Hampson	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Lynch	
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Burchell
	Mr. Page

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Sir Robert Best	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Greene
Mr. Manifold	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 agreed to.

Clause 2—

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

Omit paragraph (a), insert the following new paragraph:—

“(a) by omitting the words ‘eight weeks’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘nine weeks’.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3, after debate, omitted.

Clause 4—

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

Line 47, omit “ninth”, insert “sixteenth”.

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.

9. COMPULSORY VOTING BILL.—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. Watt addressing the House, 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 to-morrow.

10. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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And then the House, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Higgs,
Mr. Livingston, Mr. Patten, Mr. Pigott, General Ryrie*, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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