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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH MAY, 1916

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Charlton, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Stationery, Printing and Advertising Accounts of Commonwealth Departments.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of Home Affairs—
Federal Capital Director of Design and Construction—Papers respecting the Renewal of the Engagement of Mr. W. B. Griffin.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Customs House, Sydney: Alterations, &c.—Papers *re* Recommendation of Public Works Committee, Powers of the Minister for Home Affairs, Estimates of Cost, &c.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN BILL (1916).—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General. Message No. 130.
In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Fifty million pounds for War purposes.
Melbourne, 9th May, 1916.
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES LOAN BILL.—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General. Message No. 129.
In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of moneys to be loaned to, and the advancing of moneys to, certain States.
Melbourne, 9th May, 1916.
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN (UNITED KINGDOM) BILL (1916).—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 128.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the borrowing of money from the Government of the United Kingdom for War purposes.

Melbourne, 9th May, 1916.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Rifle Associations, &c.—Report on State Rifle Associations, District Rifle Club Unions, and Rifle Clubs, for year ended 30th June, 1915.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 224.

Customs Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 222, 259, 264.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 28, 36.

Iron Bounty Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 52.

Lighthouses Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 55.

Department of the Treasury—

Audit Act—London Account Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 70.

Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 77.

8. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Question again proposed (*see p. 426 ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (1916).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 105.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend Section Four of the ‘War Precautions Act 1914-15,’*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

10. WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (1916).—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

And then the House at twenty-nine minutes past ten 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. Bamford, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hampson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Patten, General Ryrie*, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Stumm.

* On leave.

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