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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, 20TH MAY, 1916.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented a Petition from certain women of Victoria, citizens of Australia, and electors of the Commonwealth, in favour of universal compulsory military service, and praying that the House will bring in conscription.
Petition received.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Prime Minister's Department—
Public Service Act—Regulation amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 83.
4. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1915-16]—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

ESTIMATES, 1915-16.

Divisions Nos. 27 to 123, after debate, agreed to.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1915-16.

Mr. Higgs moved, That Divisions Nos. 1 to 17 be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.
6. WAR LOAN BILL (UNITED KINGDOM) (No. 2) (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 128—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Higgs moved, That it is expedient 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.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1915-16].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1915-16.

Debate resumed on the following motion of Mr. Higgs—That Divisions Nos. 1 to 17 be agreed to.
Motion agreed to.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—That the following Resolutions be reported to the House :—

ESTIMATES, 1915-16.

That, including the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1915-16, for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts viz. :—

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i. The Parliament	44,616
ii. The Prime Minister's Department	68,145
iii. The Department of the Treasury	1,145,306
Australian Notes Branch	8,497
Stamp Printing	1,619
Refunds of Revenue	275,000
Advance to the Treasurer	750,000
iv. The Attorney-General's Department	70,714
v. The Department of External Affairs	570,033
Northern Territory Hotels	2,400
vi. The Department of Defence—Military	36,040,616
vii. The Department of the Navy	8,521,423
Assistant to Naval Representative	525
viii. The Department of Trade and Customs	534,863
ix. The Department of Home Affairs	946,764
Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta Railway	17,044
x. The Postmaster-General's Department	5,100,715

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1915-16.

That, notwithstanding the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, the amount granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1915-16 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., shall be a sum not exceeding £3,278,499.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Higgs 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.
9. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, were adopted by the House.
10. WAYS AND MEANS [ESTIMATES, 1915-16].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1915-16.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1915-16, a sum not exceeding Four million twenty-four thousand nine hundred and eighty-two pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1915-16.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—That, notwithstanding the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such purpose, the amount granted towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1915-16 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund shall be a sum not exceeding Three million two hundred and seventy-eight thousand four hundred and ninety-nine pounds.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Higgs and Mr. Tudor do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL 1915-16.—Mr. Higgs then brought up a Bill intituled "A 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 sixteen and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this Session of the Parliament," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Higgs 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 into a Committee of the Whole.

20th May, 1916.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
 First and Second Schedules agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1915-16.—Mr. Higgs also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of the Parliament 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.,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Higgs 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Schedules agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. WAR LOAN BILL (UNITED KINGDOM) (No. 2) (1916).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 128—
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the following motion of Mr. Higgs :—That it is expedient 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.

Motion agreed to.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, was adopted by the House

Ordered—That Mr. Higgs and Mr. Tudor do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Higgs then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Higgs moved, by leave, 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. STATES LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 129—
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate—That it is expedient 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.

Resolution to be reported.

20th May, 1916.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Higgs and Mr. Tudor do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Higgs then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Higgs moved, by leave, 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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. WAR LOAN BILL (1916).—The Order of the Day, having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 130—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate—That it is expedient 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.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Higgs and Mr. Tudor do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Higgs then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Higgs moved, by leave, 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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. ADDITIONAL DAY OF SITTING.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.

17. PUBLIC SERVICE (ACTING COMMISSIONER) BILL.—Mr. Tudor, pursuant to leave given on the 10th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment, temporarily, of an Acting Public Service Commissioner,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made on Order of the Day for Monday next.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next, 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. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Sir William Irvine, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Patten, Mr. Foynton, General Ryrie*, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Stumm, Mr. John Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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