

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 117.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1916.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Fenton presented a Petition from certain persons commonly known as Plymouth Brethren praying that they may be exempted from bearing arms and be allotted duties of national importance.  
Petition received and read.
3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Katherine River to Bitter Springs Railway—Proposed extension of the Pine Creek-Katherine River Railway southwards so far as Bitter (Mataranka) Springs—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and an Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SIXTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. McWilliams, Chairman, brought up the following (Sixth) Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate)—

### REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petitions—		
Compulsory Military Service—		
†From Women of Victoria in favour of ..	No recommenda- tion	
†From Christadelphians praying for exemption ..	" "	
†Glaxo—From D. J. Nathan, praying for admission duty free into Australia .. ..	" "	
Papers—		
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—		
Award of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on plaint submitted by Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Asso- ciation, together with Statement <i>re</i> laws and regulations, Memorandum by Acting Public Service Commissioner, Reasons for Judgment, and Opinion of Acting Attorney-General ..	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members

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PRINTING COMMITTEE.—REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued.</i>		
Order varying Awards made by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, together with Statements, Opinions, &c., on complaints submitted by—		
Australian Letter Carriers' Association ..	No recommenda- tion	
Postal Sorters' Union of Australia .. ..	" "	
Small Arms Factory Employees' Association ..	" "	
Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 84, 92, 100, 121, and 194 .. ..	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 142 ..	" "	" "
Beer Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 185 .. ..	" "	" "
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 103 and 195 ..	" "	" "
Commonwealth Bank—Aggregate Balance-sheet made up to 30th June, 1916, together with Auditor-General's Report thereon .. ..	To be printed	
Commonwealth Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 132 .. ..	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during the year ended 30th June, 1915 .. ..	To be printed	
Commonwealth Workmen's Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 124 ..	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Customs Act—		
Proclamations—		
Prohibiting exportation of Arms, &c. . . . .	" "	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Amending proclamation <i>re</i> exportation of Arms	" "	" "
Prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of—		
Goods to Liberia .. ..	" "	" "
Butter .. ..	" "	" "
Silver Ingots or Bars, &c. .. ..	" "	" "
Prohibiting importation (except under certain conditions) of Soap .. ..	" "	" "
Notifications relative to exportation of goods to—		
Liberia .. ..	" "	" "
China and Siam—dated—		
21st June, 1916 .. ..	" "	" "
15th July, 1916 .. ..	" "	" "
19th August, 1916 .. ..	" "	" "
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 90, 152, and 184 .. ..	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Defence—		
†Camps—Sickness in all Military Districts for six months ending 30th June, 1916—Return ..	" "	
Mechanical Transport Units—Report and State- ment of Accounts .. ..	" "	
Small Arms Factory—Annual Report for year ended 30th June, 1914 .. ..	To be printed	
Clothing Factory—Report for year ended—		
30th June, 1914 .. ..	" "	
30th June, 1915 .. ..	" "	
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 73, 80, 156, 160, 164, 166, 175, 178, 179, 202, 208, and 209 .. ..	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Designs Act, and Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 65	" "	" "
Dominions Royal Commission—Memorandum and Tables as to the Trade Statistics and Trade of the Self-governing Dominions .. ..	" "	" "

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PRINTING COMMITTEE.—REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued.</i>		
*Dredges, Bridges, Sugar Mills, and Locomotives— Importations of Material during past ten years ..	Consideration postponed	
Ireland—Report of Royal Commission on Rebellion in .. .. .	No recommendation	
Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act, and Northern Territory Acceptance Act— By-laws for the Regulation of Traffic at Port Augusta—Statutory Rules, 1916, No. 170 ..	“ “	Already in print and circulated to Members
Goods Rates, South Australian Railways ..	“ “	In print
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at— Ashford, Belmont, Bunbury, Clare, Cockburn Sound, Congwarra and Booroomba, Goorooyarroo, Military Road, Newcastle, Phillips Ponds, Port Augusta, Port Stephens, Race Dam, Tighe's Hill, Willow Tree, Wungong .. .. .	“ “	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 107 .. .. .	“ “	Already in print and circulated to Members
Naturalization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 104 and 186 .. .. .	“ “	“ “
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 95, 153, 154, 191 .. .. .	“ “	“ “
Northern Territory—Report of Royal Commission on charges against Administrator and other Officers	Consideration postponed	
Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 45 and 162 .. .. .	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 220, 221, 222 ..	“ “	“ “
Patents Act, and Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 66	“ “	“ “
Pearl Shelling Industry—Report and Recommendations of Royal Commission .. .. .	To be printed	
Pine Creek to Katherine Railway Act—Goods Rates	No recommendation	
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 76, 79, 85, 89, 91, 93, 94, 99, 101, 108, 109, 114, 123, 127, 133, 143, 144, 157, 158, 174, 181, 182, 183, 193, 196, 197, 199 .. .. .	“ “	Already in print and circulated to Members
Premiers' Conference, Adelaide; May, 1916—Report of Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates, together with Appendices .. .. .	“ “	
Public Service Act— Appointments, Promotions, &c., in cases of— J. Adams, R. A. Arnold, W. H. Bale, J. H. Barrow, H. F. Brodribb, R. W. Chenoweth, H. J. Cottee, C. S. Daley, G. V. Eagles, S. Ellis, E. T. Finn, R. G. Friel, G. M. Garcia, S. N. Gaskell, G. P. Gay, E. F. Hamilton, G. Horner, A. T. Hutchison, E. H. Ivey, H. B. Jackson, L. S. Jackson, J. K. Jensen, W. Kelly, L. C. Kemp, F. B. Lee, J. Y. McGrath, M. D. Mears, M. J. O'Flaherty, J. N. O'Connor, G. E. Porter, H. H. Potts, W. H. Pye, D. M. Ray, W. B. Raynor, J. T. Roberts, L. R. Roche, T. J. Schmidt, A. S. V. Smith, H. D. Stiles, W. H. Tucker, P. A. Weeks, H. F. Wilkins, S. McK. White..	“ “	
Eleventh Report of the Commissioner ..	To be printed	

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PRINTING COMMITTEE.—REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued.</i>		
<i>Public Service Act—continued.</i>		
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 41, 83, 86, 110, 113, 115, 120, 139, 145, 146, 147, 149, 171, 172, 173, 180, 190 .. .. .	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
<i>Public Works Committee Act—</i>		
First General Report of Standing Committee ..	To be printed	
<i>Trade Marks Act, and Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 64 .. .. .</i>		
	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
<i>War, The—</i>		
<i>Belgium, Civil Population—Memorandum by Foreign Office re treatment by German Govern- ment .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Belligerents—Rights of—Further Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the United States Government respecting, viz:—</i>		
<i>Dated 2nd April, 1915, &amp;c. .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Dated 5th November, 1915, &amp;c. .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Defence of the Realm Regulations—Amendments—London Gazette of 21st April, 1916 .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Goltz, Horst von der, alias Bridgeman Taylor—Sworn statement by .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>India—Safety of alien enemies repatriated from, on the s.s. Golconda—</i>		
<i>Correspondence with United States Am- bassador .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Further correspondence with United States Ambassador .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Kut-el-Amara—Papers relating to Major-General Townshend's appreciation .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Military Service (Civil Liabilities) Regulations.. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Parcels and Letter Mails—</i>		
<i>Memorandum presented by British and French Governments to neutral Governments re examination of .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Note from United States Government re ex- amination of .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Paris Conference, June, 1916— Recommendations .. .. .</i>		
	To be printed	
<i>Poland—Proposals for affording relief to .. .. .</i>		
	No recommenda- tion	
<i>Prisoners of War, &amp;c.—</i>		
<i>Employment of British and German, in Poland and France respectively—Correspondence .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Transfer to Switzerland of British and German wounded and sick combatant prisoners of war—Correspondence with United States Am- bassador .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Treatment of—</i>		
<i>British Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians in Germany—Further Correspondence with United States Ambassador .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Ruhleben Internment Camp—Conditions in—Correspondence with United States Amba- sador .. .. .</i>		
	Copies to be ob- tained	
<i>Report by Dr. A. E. Taylor re Diet and Nutrition .. .. .</i>		
	No recommenda- tion	
<i>Further correspondence re Diet and Nutrition .. .. .</i>		
	" "	
<i>Wittenberg Camp—Report by Government Committee re conditions obtaining during Typhus Epidemic .. .. .</i>		
	" "	

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PRINTING COMMITTEE.—REPORT—continued.

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Papers—continued.		
War, The—continued.		
Trading with the Enemy (Extension of Powers) Act 1915—Correspondence with United States Ambassador respecting .. .. .	No recommendation	
War Precautions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 11, 13, 27, 35, 38, 39, 40, 42, 46, 49, 53, 62, 81, 82, 88, 96, 98, 102, 105, 106, 111, 117, 118, 119, 125, 126, 130, 134, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 148, 150, 151, 159, 165, 167, 168, 176, 177, 187, 188, 198, 200, 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207..	,, ,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
War Census Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 14, 131 .. .. .	,, ,,	,, ,,

Committee Room,  
21st September, 1916.

W. J. McWILLIAMS,  
Chairman.

Mr. McWilliams moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.  
Question—put and passed.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MILITARY SERVICE REFERENDUM BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 132.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “An Act to submit to a Referendum a question in relation to Military Service Abroad,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1916.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1916).—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. 168.

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 provide for the appointment of an Assistant Commissioner of Land Tax.

Melbourne, 12th September, 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 Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister’s Department—

The War—(Papers presented to the British Parliament)—

Parcels and Letter Mails—Note addressed to the United States Ambassador regarding the Examination of.

Rebellion in Ireland—Royal Commission—Minutes of Evidence and Appendix of Documents.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Bulimba, near Brisbane, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Cairns, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Congwarra, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Department of External Affairs—

Northern Territory—Crown Lands Ordinance—Timber Regulations.

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PAPERS—*continued.*

## Department of Defence—

## Defence Act—Regulations Amended—

Military—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 225.

Military Forces—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 224.

## War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended, &amp;c.—

(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 97, 112, 122, 128, 129.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 135, 137, 161, 163, 169, 189, 215, 216, 217, 219, 226.

## Department of Trade and Customs—

Bounties Act—Return of Particulars for 1915–1916 of Persons to whom Bounty Paid, Amount Paid, Goods, &amp;c.

8. SOLICITOR-GENERAL BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Solicitor-General.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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.

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be taken forthwith.

Mr. Hughes 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 to 3 agreed to, after debate.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

9. SUPPLY [FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

## SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 1916–17.

Mr. Higgs, having delivered a Financial Statement, moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1916–17, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and eighteen thousand pounds.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.

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

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott\*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Catts, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hampson, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Palmer, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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