

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 129.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. YATES AND MR. CATTS.)—Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Yates) and the honorable Member for Cook (Mr. Catts).  
Question—put and passed.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—  
[*Supply Bill (No. 3) 1916-17 (No. 2)*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 177.*

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 seventeen,*" 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,  
16th December, 1916.

[*Supply (Works and Buildings) Bill (No. 3) 1916-17*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 178.*

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 seventeen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," 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,  
16th December, 1916.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.

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5. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL.—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 4 further debated, and agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.  
Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 4.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 4 further considered—  
On the motion of Mr. Poynton the following amendment was made, after debate—  
Lines 13 and 14 omit—"Not less than fivepence and not exceeding sixpence ... ½d."  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Poynton (the Standing Orders having been suspended, see page 538 *ante*), the House adopted the Reports, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATIONS BILL.—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 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, after debate.  
Preamble agreed to.  
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.  
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the Bill was read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.
8. DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL.—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 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.  
Clause 4—  
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, after debate, the following amendments were made:—  
Line 5, omit "first", insert "last".  
Line 5, omit "October", insert "September".  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clauses 5 and 6 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.

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9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Royal Military College Report, 1915–16.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6.
11. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.  
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.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Poynton the following amendments were made:—

Page 1, line 9, after “audience” insert “and includes admission for the purpose of participating in any exercise in which the payment for admission entitles him to participate”.

Page 2, line 5, omit “on”, insert “for”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

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

Page 3, lines 2–3, omit “the first day of November, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen,” and insert “a day to be fixed by proclamation”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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.

12. ADDITIONAL DAY OF SITTING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott\*, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts\*, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. Ozanne\*, General Rylie\*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates\*.

\* On leave.

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