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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 146.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1917.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Supply Bill (No. 5) 1916-17]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 150.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*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,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 15th March, 1917, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

[Supply (Works and Buildings) Bill (No. 4) 1916-17]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 151.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*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.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 15th March, 1917, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

[Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1914-15]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 152.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen*," to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 15th March, 1917, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

15th March, 1917.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1914-15*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 153.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 15th March, 1917, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Federal Capital Administration—Report of the Royal Commission—(1.) Issues relating to Mr. Griffin.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Promotion of N. Buckman, Postmaster-General's Department.

5. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 154.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Tariff proposals and for other purposes*", to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 15th March, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

[*Supply Bill (No. 5) 1916-17*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 191.

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,  
Melbourne, 15th March, 1917.

[*Supply (Works and Buildings) Bill (No. 4) 1916-17*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 192.

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,  
Melbourne, 15th March, 1917.

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[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1914-15*—R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.**Message No. 193.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen*", 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, 15th March, 1917.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1914-15*—R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.**Message No. 194.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen 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,  
Melbourne, 15th March, 1917.

8. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Jensen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

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

Line 9, after "Excise" insert "demanded or".

Line 12, before "collected" insert "lawfully demanded or".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Mr. Jensen 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. Jensen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Glynn moved the following amendment:—

Line 2, after "been" insert "or has been rejected as medically unfit to be".

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Line 5, after "war" insert "and a person engaged as a munition worker under agreement with the Commonwealth Government for service outside Australia".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Tudor moved the following amendment:—

Page 3, line 16, omit "Opposition" and insert "Labour".

Debate ensued.

Question.—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Hannan		Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Carr	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Stumm	Mr. Page	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Bruce Smith
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
		Sir William Irvine	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Jensen	
		Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Kelly	Mr. Greene
		Mr. Lynch	Mr. Rodgers

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 4, line 7, omit "and was naturalized".

,, line 13, after "Officer" insert "or if so prescribed by the Electoral Registrar".

,, line 26, after "Forces" insert "or who has applied for enlistment as a member of the Forces, and has been rejected as medically unfit".

,, line 28, after "Forces" insert "or of a person who has so applied and been rejected".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 11 and 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clause 14 debated—

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Sinclair moved the following amendment, That the following words be added to the clause, "unless such Referendum was provided for prior to March 15th, 1917".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 15—

On the motion of Mr. Tudor the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Line 21, after "Senate" insert "or for the House of Representatives".

Mr. Sinclair moved the following further amendment :—

Line 22, after "dies" insert "or becomes disqualified".

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

New Clause—

Mr. Tudor moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

16A. Nothing in the War Precautions Act or in any Regulations under that Act as existing at present, or in any amendment of those Regulations shall apply to this Act.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

The Schedule—

Mr. Tudor moved the following amendment :—That the following words be inserted after the heading "THE SCHEDULE."—"The names of all Candidates shall be inserted upon the Ballot-paper".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. John Thomson reported accordingly.

Mr. Glynn 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. Glynn, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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10. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. this day.  
Question—put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott\*, Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Riley, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Spence, Mr. West\*, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*