

1917.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1917.

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, on Thursday, the fourteenth day of June, in the eighth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen—

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of The Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Walter Augustus Gale, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Thomas Woollard, Clerk Assistant, and Francis Laurence Clapin, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk :—

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to Wit.  
R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit: Now therefore I, Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation appoint Thursday, the fourteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs: And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of half-past Ten o'clock a.m. on the said Thursday, the fourteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid this seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(L.S.) JOHN FORREST,  
for the Prime Minister.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTIES BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate :—

The Deputies of His Excellency the Governor-General for the opening of Parliament desire the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly the Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Senior Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

His Excellency the Governor-General not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue under the great seal of the Commonwealth constituting us his Deputies to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Commission was read, as follows :—

*His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia :*

To the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Justice of the High Court of Australia,  
and

The Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs, a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the said Commonwealth, Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorize and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary to assign to him or them: Provided always that the appointment of such Deputy or Deputies should not affect the exercise by the Governor-General himself of any power or function :

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the seventh day of June, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the seventh day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, the fourteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, was appointed as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs ; and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of half-past Ten o'clock a.m. on the day and date aforesaid :

Now Know You that in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputies for the purpose of declaring open the said Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.) R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JOHN FORREST.

The Senior Deputy then said :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

We have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that, as soon as the Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place ; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be first chosen, you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, will retire to the place where you shall sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker ; and thereafter you will present the person whom you shall so choose to His Excellency, at such time and place as he shall appoint.

His Honour Mr. Justice Isaacs will attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Members of that House.

And thereupon the Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

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3. COMMISSIONER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—The Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs, a Justice of the High Court of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows :—

*His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia :*

To the Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs, Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Senator and every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you to attend at Parliament House, Melbourne, on Thursday, the fourteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, at the hour of half-past Ten o'clock a.m., there and then to administer the Oath or Affirmation to such Members of the House of Representatives as are present.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

(L.S.) R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JOHN FORREST.

4. RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION.—The Clerk announced that he had received returns to the 75 writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 5th May, 1917.

By the said Returns it appeared that for the several Electoral Divisions of the States the following gentlemen had been elected, as shown hereunder :—

Division.	State.	Name.
Adelaide ..	.. South Australia	.. George Edwin Yates.
Angas ..	.. South Australia	.. Patrick McMahon Glynn.
Balaclava ..	.. Victoria ..	.. William Alexander Watt.
Ballaarat..	.. Victoria ..	.. David Charles McGrath.
Barker ..	.. South Australia	.. John Livingston.
Barrier ..	.. New South Wales	.. Michael Patrick Considine.
Bass ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. Jens August Jensen.
Batman ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Frank Brennan.
Bendigo ..	.. Victoria ..	.. William Morris Hughes.
Boothby ..	.. South Australia	.. William Harrison Story.
Bourke ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Frank Anstey.
Brisbane ..	.. Queensland ..	.. William Fyfe Finlayson.
Calare ..	.. New South Wales	.. Henry Robert Maguire Pigott.
Capricornia ..	.. Queensland ..	.. William Guy Higgs.
Cook ..	.. New South Wales	.. James Howard Catts.
Corangamite ..	.. Victoria ..	.. James Chester Manifold.
Corio ..	.. Victoria ..	.. John Henry Lister.
Cowper ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Thomson.
Dalley ..	.. New South Wales	.. William George Mahony.
Dampier ..	.. Western Australia	.. Henry Gregory.
Darling ..	.. New South Wales	.. Arthur Blakeley.
Darling Downs ..	.. Queensland ..	.. Littleton Ernest Groom.
Darwin ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. Charles Richard Howroyd.
Denison ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. William Henry Laird Smith.
East Sydney ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Edward West.
Echuca ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Albert Clayton Palmer.
Eden-Monaro ..	.. New South Wales	.. Austin Chapman.
Fawkner ..	.. Victoria ..	.. George Arnot Maxwell.
Flinders ..	.. Victoria ..	.. William Hill Irvine.
Franklin ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. William James McWilliams.
Fremantle ..	.. Western Australia	.. Reginald John Burchell.
Gippsland ..	.. Victoria ..	.. George Henry Wise.
Grampians ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Charles Carty Salmon.
Grey ..	.. South Australia	.. Alexander Poynton.

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Division.	State.	Name.
Gwydir .. ..	New South Wales	William Webster.
Henty .. ..	Victoria .. ..	James Arthur Boyd.
Herbert .. ..	Queensland .. ..	Frederick William Bamford.
Hindmarsh .. ..	South Australia	William Oliver Archibald.
Hume .. ..	New South Wales	Franc Breerton Sadleir Falkiner.
Hunter .. ..	New South Wales	Matthew Charlton.
Illawarra .. ..	New South Wales	Hector Lamond.
Indi .. ..	Victoria .. ..	John William Leckie.
Kalgoorlie .. ..	Western Australia	Edward Ernest Heitmann.
Kennedy .. ..	Queensland .. ..	Charles McDonald.
Kooyong .. ..	Victoria .. ..	Robert Wallace Best.
Lang .. ..	New South Wales	William Elliot Johnson.
Lilley .. ..	Queensland .. ..	George Hugh Mackay.
Macquarie .. ..	New South Wales	Samuel Robert Nicholls.
Maranoa .. ..	Queensland .. ..	James Page.
Maribyrnong .. ..	Victoria .. ..	James Edward Fenton.
Melbourne .. ..	Victoria .. ..	William Robert Nuttall Maloney.
Melbourne Ports .. ..	Victoria .. ..	James Mathews.
Moreton .. ..	Queensland .. ..	Hugh Sinclair.
Nepean .. ..	New South Wales	Richard Beaumont Orchard.
Newcastle .. ..	New South Wales	David Watkins.
New England .. ..	New South Wales	Percy Phipps Abbott.
North Sydney .. ..	New South Wales	Granville de Laune Ryrie.
Oxley .. ..	Queensland .. ..	James Garfield Bayley.
Parkes .. ..	New South Wales	Bruce Smith.
Parramatta .. ..	New South Wales	Joseph Cook.
Perth .. ..	Western Australia	James Mackinnon Fowler.
Richmond .. ..	New South Wales	Walter Massy Greene.
Riverina .. ..	New South Wales	John Moore Chanter.
Robertson .. ..	New South Wales	William Montgomerie Fleming.
South Sydney .. ..	New South Wales	Edward Riley.
Swan .. ..	Western Australia	John Forrest.
Wakefield .. ..	South Australia	Richard Witty Foster.
Wannon .. ..	Victoria .. ..	Arthur Stanislaus Rodgers.
Wentworth .. ..	New South Wales	William Henry Kelly.
Werriwa .. ..	New South Wales	John Lynch.
West Sydney .. ..	New South Wales	Cornelius Wallace.
Wide Bay .. ..	Queensland .. ..	Edward Bernard Cresset Corser.
Wilmot .. ..	Tasmania .. ..	Llewelyn Atkinson.
Wimmera .. ..	Victoria .. ..	Sydney Sampson.
Yarra .. ..	Victoria .. ..	Frank Gwynne Tudor.

5. DEATH OF MEMBER (MR. HOWROYD) AND ISSUE OF NEW WRIT.—The Clerk informed the House that a memorandum was attached to the writ for the election of a Member for the Division of Darwin, notifying that the successful candidate, Charles Richard Howroyd, is deceased, he having died on 10th May, 1917.

The Clerk also announced that he had received from the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General a letter intimating that, on the 6th June, a Writ had been issued for an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Howroyd; the date of nomination was fixed for the 14th June, and the date of polling for the 30th June.

6. MEMBERS SWORN, ETC.—The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the Oath required by law, except Mr. Howroyd (deceased) and General Abbott, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Corser, Mr. McGrath, General Ryrie, and Mr. Yates (who were not then present), and Mr. Considine, who made and subscribed an affirmation according to law.

The Commissioner retired.

7. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Manifold, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable William Elliot Johnson, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Poynton.

Debate ensued.

The House having called the Honorable William Elliot Johnson to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling the Honorable William Elliot Johnson to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Manifold and Mr. Poynton and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair.

The Mace was then laid upon the Table.

Then Mr. Hughes, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. McDonald congratulated Mr. Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

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8. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Hughes stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament this day at twenty minutes past two o'clock p.m.

And the sitting of the House having been suspended until a quarter past two o'clock p.m.—

Mr. Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with the Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.

9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—

10. AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL (1917).—Mr. Hughes moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Amendments Incorporation Act 1905*.  
Question—put and passed.

11. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:—

*His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia:*

To the Honorable William Elliot Johnson, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Greeting:

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time in the Parliament House of the Commonwealth in the City of Melbourne to administer the said Oath to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said House of Representatives.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this fourteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

(L.S.)

R. M. FERGUSON,

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. HUGHES.

12. MEMBER SWORN.—Mr. Yates made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
13. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read as follows:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

1. I have called you together at the earliest moment after the return of the writs for the general election of Members of the House of Representatives held on 5th May last, because it is necessary that an Appropriation of Moneys Bill be made immediately, as there are no funds legally available for the ordinary requirements of the Public Service.

2. A Supply Bill will therefore be submitted at once for your consideration and approval.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—ADDRESS IN REPLY, ETC.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Standing Orders in connexion with the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Opening Speech be suspended, and that certain other Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be at once appointed, and to enable all other steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass Supply Bills through all stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

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15. PETITION.—Mr. Mahony presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales praying that an inquiry be at once commenced regarding certain soldiers who served throughout the Gallipoli campaign but have been in prison since February, 1916, on account of various offences, and that, in the meantime, such soldiers be released upon their own recognisances.  
Petition received and read.

16. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Audit Act—Special Report of the Auditor-General (under section 54)—Comments on that portion of the Report of the Royal Commission on Federal Capital Administration headed "Requirements of the Audit Act."

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1916, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

17. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

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

*Message No. 1.*

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 grant and apply sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the years ending the thirtieth day June One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen respectively.

Melbourne, 12th June, 1917.

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

*Message No. 2.*

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 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.

Melbourne, 14th June, 1917.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply, when appointed.

18. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Death and Invalidity in the Commonwealth—Committee Concerning Causes—Report on Infantile Mortality.

Tropical Medicine—Australian Institute of—Half-yearly Reports—  
From 1st January to 30th June, 1916.

From 1st July to 31st December, 1916.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Dominions Royal Commission (Imperial)—Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions—(Papers presented to the British Parliament)—

Fifth Interim Report.

Final Report.

Federal Capital Administration—Reports of the Royal Commission on—

(2.) Accounts and Finance at Canberra.

(3.) Wasteful Expenditure at Canberra.

(4.) Sewerage at Canberra.

(5.) Brick-works at Canberra.

(6.) Water Supply, Power, and Miscellaneous.

Imperial Preference—Copy of Resolutions passed by the Committee on Commercial and Industrial Policy on the subject of—together with copy of covering letter to the Prime Minister—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Premiers' Conference, Melbourne—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates—  
December, 1916.

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Summer Time Act, 1916 [Daylight Saving]—Report of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to inquire into the Social and Economical results of, &c.—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

The War—

Dardanelles Commission—(Papers presented to the British Parliament)—

First Report.

Supplement to First Report.

Disabled and Discharged Soldiers in France—Treatment and Training of—Report (Imperial) by Captain Sir Henry Norman, M.P.

National Relief Fund—Report on the Administration, up to the 30th September, 1916—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

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## PAPERS—continued.

## The War—continued.

## Peace Proposals—(Papers presented to the British Parliament)—

Reply (dated 10th January, 1917) of the Allied Governments to the Note communicated by the United States Ambassador on 20th December, 1916.

Despatch to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington respecting (dated 13th January, 1917).

Reply, dated 30th December, 1916, to the German Peace Note communicated by the French Government on behalf of the Allied Powers to the United States Ambassador in Paris.

Pensions of Soldiers and Sailors disabled and of the Families and Dependants of Soldiers and Sailors deceased in consequence of the present War—Drafts of a Royal Warrant and an Order in Council for—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

## Prisoners of War, &amp;c.—

British Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians in Germany—Further correspondence with the United States Ambassador respecting the treatment of (dated 8th September to 15th November, 1916)—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Civilians interned in the British and German Empires—Further correspondence respecting the Proposed Release of (dated 28th October, 1916, to 2nd January, 1917)—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Ships and Cargoes—Report drawn up by the Committee on the Administration of the—Order in Council of March, 1915—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 103.

Census and Statistics Act—Census, 2nd and 3rd April, 1911—Vols. I., II., III.—Statistician's Report, and Detailed Tables.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 113.

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1916, respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 18th May, 1917) prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of Empty Bottles.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 62, 64, 67, 69, 83, 84, 89, 90, 93, 95, 105, 114, 116, 117, 118.

Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 66, 121.

Immigration Act—Return for 1916 showing—(a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth; (b) Persons who passed the dictation test; (c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test; (d) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth.

## Lands Acquisition Act—

## Lands acquired under, at—

Bairnsdale, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Bellerive, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Booroomba, Federal Territory—For Defence and Federal Capital purposes.

Cairns, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Woodville, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Young, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 63.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 43, 58, 59, 60, 68, 80, 88, 108, 109, 111.

## Public Service Act—

Twelfth Report on the Public Service (1915-16) by the Commissioner.

## Promotions of—

H. W. Buckley, Department of the Treasury.

G. A. Carr, Postmaster-General's Department.

T. A. Keogh and R. H. Henniker, Postmaster-General's Department.

S. J. Priestley, Department of Trade and Customs.

J. W. Reed and E. J. Cleary, Department of the Treasury.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 57, 81, 82, 87, 104, 115.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 35, 54, 55, 56, 65, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 91, 92, 94, 96 to 102, 106, 107, 110, 119, 120.

19. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Falkiner moved, by leave, That the honorable Member for Riverina (the Honorable John Moore Chanter) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Chanter made his acknowledgments to the House.

20. SUPPLY.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

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21. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—[Supply Bills] The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Supply:

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1916-17 AND (No. 1) 1917-18.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That there be granted to His Majesty—

For the service of the year ending the 30th day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, a sum not exceeding £181.

For the service of the year ending the 30th day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, a sum not exceeding £750,000.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 5) 1916-17.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the 30th day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, a sum not exceeding Two hundred and forty-four thousand five hundred and ninety-four pounds, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, were adopted by the House.

22. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.  
Question—put and passed.

23. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1916-17 AND (No. 1) 1917-18.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty—

For the service of the year ending 30th June, 1917, a sum not exceeding One hundred and eighty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

For the service of the year ending 30th June, 1918, a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 5) 1916-17.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1916-17, a sum not exceeding Two hundred and forty-four thousand five hundred and ninety-four pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, were adopted by the House.

*Ordered*—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

24. SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1916-17 AND (No. 1) 1917-18.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the years ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen respectively,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir John Forrest 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.



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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

25. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 5) 1916-17.—Sir John Forrest also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A 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.,* ” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir John Forrest 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.)*

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

26. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1916-17.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

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

*Message No. 3.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 14th June, 1917.

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

*Message No. 4.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 14th June, 1917.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

27. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1916-17—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., for the information of honorable Members.

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

28. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1916-17 AND (No. 1) 1917-18.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 1.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the years ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen respectively* ” to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 14th June, 1917.

14th June, 1917.

29. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 5) 1916-17.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 2.*

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, 14th June, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

30. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
31. 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 Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Corser, Mr. McGrath, and General Ryrie.

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