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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 24.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Mr. Bamford, for the Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

### FIRST REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate, and have made the recommendations shown in attached Appendix.

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—		
“ Shouting ”—		
†From certain electors, praying that Parliament will proclaim it illegal .. .. .	To be printed	
†From certain electors, praying for prohibition of †Soldiers in prison for offences committed—From certain electors, praying for inquiry .. .. .	” ”	
” ”	” ”	
Papers—		
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—		
Awards, &c., of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, together with Statements, Reasons, &c., on complaints filed by— Commonwealth General Division Telephone Officers' Association .. .. .	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Australian Commonwealth Post and Tele- graph Officers' Association .. .. .	” ”	” ”
Australian Telegraph and Telephone Con- struction and Maintenance Union .. .. .	” ”	” ”
Audit Act—		
Special Report of Auditor-General on portion of Report of Royal Commission on Federal Capital Administration .. .. .	To be printed	
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 103, 130, 137 .. .. .	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members

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<b>Papers—<i>continued.</i></b>		
Census of the Commonwealth, 3rd April, 1911— Vol. I.—Statistician's Report and Appendices	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Vol. II.—Detailed Tables .. .. .	" "	" "
Vol. III.—Detailed Tables .. .. .	" "	" "
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regula- tions—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 113, †184 ..	" "	" "
†Commonwealth Advisory Council of Science and Industry—Return of Fees and Expenses ..	" "	
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheet of Com- monwealth Bank at 31st December, 1916 ; with Auditor-General's Report thereon ..	To be printed	
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act— †Return for 1915-16 .. .. .	" "	
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 122 ..	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1916	To be printed	
Customs Act— Proclamations prohibiting exportation of— Dried Apricots and Peaches .. .. .	No recommenda- tion	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Empty Bottles .. .. .	" "	" "
Glue Pieces .. .. .	" "	" "
Sulphate of Ammonia .. .. .	" "	" "
Proclamation, revoking proclamation prohibiting exportation of Empty Bottles .. .. .	" "	" "
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 158, 178, 179, †183 .. .. .	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Defence— *Boots, Hats, and Clothing for Australian Troops: Return showing Purchases, &c., in England .. .. .	" "	
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 62, 64, 67, 69, 83, 84, 89, 90, 93, 95, 105, 114, 116, 117, 118, 129, 131, 133, 139, 144, 149, 150, 151, 157, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 170, 173, 181, †186, †187, †188, †189, †201, †202, †203, †204, †205, †206, 208, †209, †216 .. .. .	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Dominions Royal Commission— Fifth Interim Report .. .. .	" "	
Final Report .. .. .	" "	
Elections, 1917— Statistical Returns and Summaries .. .. .	To be printed	
Statistical Returns showing voting within each Subdivision, viz. :— New South Wales .. .. .	" "	
Victoria .. .. .	" "	
Queensland .. .. .	" "	
South Australia .. .. .	" "	
Western Australia .. .. .	" "	
Tasmania .. .. .	" "	
Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regula- tions—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 66, 121 ..	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 159, 180 .. .. .	" "	" "
Federal Capital: Royal Commission on Adminis- tration—Reports— Part 2—Accounts and Finance at Canberra ..	To be printed	
Part 3—Wasteful Expenditure at Canberra ..	" "	
Part 4—Sewerage at Canberra .. .. .	" "	
Part 5—Brick-works at Canberra .. .. .	" "	
Part 6—Water Supply, Power, and Mis- cellaneous .. .. .	" "	

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Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<b>Papers—continued—</b>		
Immigration Act—Return for 1916 .. .. .	To be printed	
Imperial Preference—Resolutions passed by Committee on Commercial and Industrial Policy, &c. (British Parliamentary Paper) .. .. .	No recommendation	
†Inter-State Commission Tariff Investigation—Index to Reports .. .. .	” ”	
†Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1916-17 .. .. .	To be printed	
Lands Acquisition Act— Land acquired at Bairnsdale, Bellerive, Booroomba, Byron Bay, Cairns, Chatswood, Cockburn Sound, Port Augusta, Woollahra, Woodville, Young .. .. .	No recommendation	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 63	” ”	Already in print and circulated to Members
†Meat, Butter, Fruit, and Rabbits: Return showing quantity in cold storage .. .. .	” ”	
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 135 .. .. .	” ”	Already in print and circulated to Members
Ozanne, Quartermaster-Sergeant A. T.—Papers regarding case .. .. .	To be printed	
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 43, 58, 59, 60, 63, 80, 88, 108, 109, 111, 126, 134, 140, 148, 152, 153, 154, 172, 175, 176 .. .. .	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Premiers' Conference, Melbourne, December, 1916: Report of Proceedings .. .. .	” ”	
Premiers' Conference (with Ministers of Lands), Melbourne, January, 1917: Report of Proceedings .. .. .	” ”	
Public Service Act— Commissioner's Twelfth Report .. .. .	To be printed	
Appointments, Promotions, &c., in cases of— J. E. Allen, †H. C. Brown, G. H. Boundy, H. W. Buckley, G. A. Carr, K. O'D. J. Carrucan, E. J. Cleary, †P. E. Coleman, F. S. Dooner, V. H. Evans, J. Groves, J. P. Hannan, A. H. Hearn, R. H. Henniker, A. Harders, T. S. Hulme, T. A. Keogh, F. Mitchell, H. McConaghy, S. J. Priestley, J. W. Reed, A. J. Rutherford, H. J. Sheehan, †D. Shugg, C. A. Stinson, N. W. Strange, A. L. Sullivan, H. H. Trebilco, A. W. White, A. D. Zschorn .. .. .	No recommendation	
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 57, 81, 82, 87, 104, 115, 141, 142, 143, 147, 160 .. .. .	” ”	Already in print and circulated to Members
†Recruiting Scheme—Return showing Cost .. .. .	To be printed	
*Sugar Industry—Correspondence between Prime Minister and Queensland Premier <i>re</i> purchase of 1917 crop .. .. .	No recommendation	
Summer Time (Daylight Saving)—Report of British Committee .. .. .	” ”	
Unlawful Associations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 177 .. .. .	” ”	Already in print and circulated to Members
War, The— Agricultural Policy Sub-Committee—Report, Part I. . . . .	” ”	
Civilians interned in British and German Empires: Proposed Release—Further Correspondence .. .. .	” ”	

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PRINTING COMMITTEE.—REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued.</i>		
<i>The War—continued.</i>		
Dardanelles Commission— First Report .. .. .	No recommenda- tion	
Supplement to First Report .. .. . Disabled and Discharged Soldiers in France: Report by Sir H. Norman on Treatment and Training .. .. .	" "	
Kogrund Passage—Correspondence with Swedish Government <i>re</i> Mining .. .. .	" "	
National Relief Fund—Report on Administra- tion, to 30th September, 1916 .. .. .	" "	
Pensions of Soldiers and Sailors disabled, &c.— Drafts of Royal Warrant and Order in Council	" "	
<i>Peace Proposals—</i>		
Reply of Allies to United States Note of 20th December, 1916 .. .. .	" "	
Reply of Allies to German Peace Note, 30th December, 1916 .. .. .	" "	
Despatch to British Ambassador at Washing- ton <i>re</i> Allied Note of 10th January, 1917	" "	
Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians in Germany—Further Correspondence with United States Ambassador .. .. .	" "	
Ships and Cargoes—Report by Committee on Administration of Order in Council of March, 1915 .. .. .	" "	
War Precautions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 35, 54, 55, 56, 65, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 91, 92, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 106, 107, 110, 119, 120, 123, 124, 125, 127, 138, 155, 156, 162, 168, 169, 171, 174, 182, †197, †198, †200, †217 .. .. .	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statu- tory Rules 1917, No. 136 .. .. .	" "	" "
†Wool Tops—Contracts and Agreements for Sale and Purchase .. .. .	" "	

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Committee Room,  
6th September, 1917.F. W. BAMFORD,  
for Chairman.

## APPENDIX.

1. That Papers printed by order of either House be still circulated to Members.
2. That Papers recommended by the Printing Committee to be printed should be supplied to Members on application.
3. That Questions and Answers should no longer appear in the Journals of the Senate, but that the practice of the House of Representatives in this regard be adopted in the Senate, namely, that two typed copies of the Question and Answer be prepared, one to be supplied to the Senator asking the question, and the other to *Hansard*.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Tudor rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, The desirability of the Government taking action to bring about a just settlement of the present industrial disturbance.
- Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.
- It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.

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4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"]—MOTION FOR.—Mr. Hughes moved, That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
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. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Greene moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
 Question—put.  
 The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Laird Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Story
Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Greene
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Manifold

Noes, 7.

Mr. J. H. Catts  
 Mr. Finlayson  
 Mr. Higgs  
 Mr. W. Maloney  
 Mr. Mathews

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fenton  
 Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 185.
7. WAR LOAN BILL (1917) (No. 2).—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. 24—  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Eighty million pounds for War purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Sir John Forrest 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.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir John Forrest 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.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. West addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (1917).—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. 25.*

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 authorize the raising and expending of the sum of One million eight hundred and sixty-two thousand pounds for certain purposes.

Melbourne, 6th September, 1917.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past 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—Lieut.-Col. Abbott<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald<sup>\*</sup>, Mr. McGrath<sup>a</sup>, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Salmon<sup>\*</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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