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(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1917

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MEMBER (THE HONORABLE CHARLES CARTY SALMON).—Mr. Hughes having announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 15th instant, of the honorable Member for Grampians (the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon), moved, by leave—
That this House desires to record its profound regret at the loss which the Commonwealth suffers in the death of the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon, who was at one time Speaker of this House, and was one of its Members at the inauguration of the Parliament, and also for many years afterwards, and who was at one time a Member of the Victorian Ministry, and expresses its sincere condolence with his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Tudor having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the addresses delivered thereon, to Mrs. Charles Carty Salmon.
3. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the late honorable Member the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. 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. Speaker :—

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1917)*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 29.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions*," 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.

13th September, 1917.

[*Freight Arrangements Bill (1917)*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 30.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Freight Arrangements Act 1915'*," 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.

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[*Sugar Purchase Bill* (1917)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 31.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Sugar Purchase Act 1915'*," 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.

13th September, 1917.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill* (1917)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Sections Four and Twenty-two of the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1916'*," 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.

13th September, 1917.

[*War Loan Bill* (1917) (No. 2)]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Eighty million pounds for War purposes*," 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.

15th September, 1917.

6. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MINISTERS OF STATE 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. 34.

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 increase the maximum number of Ministers of State from eight to nine and to increase the amount appropriated for their salaries from Thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty pounds to Fifteen thousand three hundred pounds.

Melbourne, 15th August, 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.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Unlawful Associations Act—Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 219.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 190, 194, 196, 210, 222, 223, 224, 231, 232.

9. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1917).—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1916*.
Question—put and passed.

10. WAYS AND MEANS [INCOME TAX RESOLUTION].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion of Sir John Forrest, viz. :—That a tax be imposed on incomes derived from sources in Australia at the following amounts and rates, namely :—(See pages 61-3 ante).

Progress to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1917).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works during the Second Session of the Seventh Parliament of the Commonwealth*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th September, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE BILL (1917).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Appointment of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts during the Second Session of the Seventh Parliament of the Commonwealth*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th September, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

13. DEFENCE BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom 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 debated—

Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen 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.-Colonel Abbott^{*a}, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Burchell^{*a}, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McDonald^{*}, Mr. McGrath^{*a}, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Poynton, Brigadier-General Ryrie^{*a}, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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