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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act, the following Members be appointed Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.:—Mr. Gregory, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Laird Smith.
Question—put and passed.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the Committee of Public Accounts Act, the following Members be appointed Members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz.:—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Poynton, and Mr. John Thomson.
Question—put and passed.
4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at eleven o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1917-18.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1917-18 a sum not exceeding £3,487,200.

Resolution 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.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—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.
7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

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8. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1917-18.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1917-18, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £3,487,200.

Resolution 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 Resolution reported from the Committee 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.

9. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1917-18.—Sir John Forrest then 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 eighteen*," 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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO NATURALIZATION BILL (1917).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 35.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Naturalization Act 1903'*," 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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11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO WAR LOAN (UNITED KINGDOM) BILL (1917).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 36.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1914-1916' and the 'War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1915-1916'*," 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.

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12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S DEPUTY.—ASSENT TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1917).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 37.

A Bill intituled "*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*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of 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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13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S DEPUTY.—ASSENT TO COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1917).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

A. L. STANLEY,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 38.

A Bill intituled "*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*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of 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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14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Profits*," to which it has agreed without requests.

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THOS. GIVENS,
President.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next 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. Considine, Mr. Higgs, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. McGrath^a, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, and Mr. Spence.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.