

1914.

(SECOND SESSION).

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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 Charles McDonald, 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 eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

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

By His Excellency's Command,
ANDREW FISHER.

3. MEMBER SWORN.—Mr. Kelly made and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of Home Affairs—

Preference to Unionists—Minute by the Minister for Home Affairs (the Honorable W. O. Archibald).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented pursuant to Statute—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Customs Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 101, 117.

Proclamations Prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Margarine (dated 24th June, 1914).

Wheat and Flour (dated 7th and 23rd September, 1914).

Meat (dated 7th, 8th, and 23rd September, 1914).

Mares (dated 23rd September, 1914).

Sugar (dated 18th September, 1914).

Excise Act—

Regulation Amended (Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1914, No. 118.

Inter-State Commission Act—Provisional Regulations (Rules of Practice)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 129.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—

Appointments of—

As Draughtsmen, Class E, Electrical Engineer's Branch, Western Australia—

C. A. Brown.

R. M. Hamilton.

Promotions of—

H. H. Attwater, as Postmaster, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Grenfell.

A. E. Barker, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accounts Branch, Relieving, Melbourne.

P. J. De Gruchy, as Manager, 1st Class, Telegraph Branch, Sydney.

J. J. Doyle, as Clerk, 4th Class, Stores Branch, Sydney.

V. Glasziou, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accounts Branch (Expenditure), New South Wales.

L. H. Guest, as Clerk, 4th Class, Electrical Engineer's Branch, Hay.

J. D. Hutson, as Postmaster, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Mildura.

J. B. King, as Supervisor, 3rd Class, Mail Branch, Sydney.

M. Laird, as Assistant Manager, 2nd Class, Telegraph Branch, New South Wales.

J. C. Lees, L. W. Quick, A. J. Thorpe, S. W. Hill, as Postmasters, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Relieving Staff, New South Wales.

F. J. Matthews, as Inspector, 2nd Class, Inspection and Inland Mail Branch, Victoria.

O. H. Nielson, as Clerical Assistant, 4th Class, Cloncurry.

S. G. Stanton, as Inspector, 3rd Class, Inspection Branch, New South Wales.

D. Webster, as Postmaster, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Swan Hill.

R. White, as Assistant Manager, 4th Class, Electrical Engineer's Branch (Telephones), Western Australia.

Defence Department—

Defence Act—

Military College—Report 1912–1913.

Regulations Amended, &c.—

Universal Training—

(Provisional) Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 89, 130.

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 97, 99.

Military Forces—

Regulations—

(Provisional) Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 91, 93, 103, 110, 125, 128, 131, 132.

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 96, 98.

Financial and Allowance—

(Provisional) Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 78, 81, [87, §90, 92, 102, 104, 105, 109, 127.

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 80, 95, 100.

Naval Defence Act—Naval Forces—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1914, No. 83.

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 79, 116.

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5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Fisher 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.
6. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1914).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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- The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stage without delay, and before the Address in Reply is agreed to.
 Question—put and passed.
 On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the Bill was read a third time.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SUPPLY.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed before the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Opening Speech has been agreed to by the House, and to enable all other steps to be at once taken to obtain Supply, and to pass the Supply Bills through all their stages without delay.
 Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
8. SUPPLY.—Mr. Fisher 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.
9. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS [SUPPLY BILLS].—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1914-15.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That a sum not exceeding Three million two hundred and twenty-seven thousand two hundred and eighty-six pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1915.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 1914-15.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1914-15, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £366,150.

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

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- 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 Mr. Fisher, were adopted.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Fisher 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1914-15.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1915, a sum not exceeding Three million two hundred and twenty-seven thousand two hundred and eighty-six pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 1914-15.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1914-15, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and sixty-six thousand one hundred and fifty 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 Mr. Fisher, were adopted.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

12. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1914-15.—Mr. Fisher 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 fifteen,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Fisher 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.)

Clauses 1 to 5, inclusive, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 1914-15.—Mr. Fisher 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 fifteen, 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.

Mr. Fisher 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.)

Clauses 1 to 4, inclusive, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1914).—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 amend the 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1911,'*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

THOS. GIVENS,

Melbourne, 9th October, 1914.

President.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1914-15.—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 fifteen,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,

THOS. GIVENS,

Melbourne, 9th October, 1914.

President.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 2) 1914-15.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

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 fifteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

THOS. GIVENS,

Melbourne, 9th October, 1914.

President.

17. PAPER.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Ministerial Crisis 1909—Cabinet Minute in connexion with the application of the Hon. Andrew Fisher for a Dissolution.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Arthur, Mr. Grégory, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Stumm.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.