

1914-15.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1915.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

[Supply Bill (No. 1) 1915-16]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 67.

A Bill intituled "*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 sixteen,*" 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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th June, 1915.

[Supply (Works and Buildings) Bill (No. 1) 1915-16]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 68.

A Bill intituled "*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 sixteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," 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.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th June, 1915.

[Lighthouses Bill 1915]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 69.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Lighthouses Act 1911,'*" 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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3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission Act—

Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation Reports—

Apparel, viz. :—Corsets.

Apparel, viz. :—Socks and Stockings.

Apparel, Women's and Men's Garments, Piece Goods and Curtains, &c.

Cotton Growing.

Wool Tops, Woollen Yarn, and Machinery for the Manufacture of Tops and Textiles Generally.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Department of Home Affairs—

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 98.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Drainage Easement over Land acquired at Taree, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Public Service Act—

Appointment of E. H. Henderson, as Draughtsman, Class E, Professional Division, Public Works Branch, New South Wales.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—

Promotion of M. J. Clavin, as Inspector, 2nd Class, Central District, Rockhampton.

4. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1914-15].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1914-15.

Division No. 107, subdivision No. 1, further debated.

Mr. Salmon moved, That the amount of the subdivision be reduced by the sum of £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Division No. 107 agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 108 to 116 agreed to.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That the following Resolution be reported to the House :—That, including the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1914-15, for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts, viz. :—

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i. The Parliament	38,113
ii. The Prime Minister's Department	64,351
iii. The Department of the Treasury	688,311
Australian Notes Branch	5,590
Stamp Printing	1,761
Refunds of Revenue	275,000
Advance to the Treasurer	700,000
iv. The Attorney-General's Department	58,684
v. The Department of External Affairs	611,145
vi. The Department of Defence	18,359,617
Assistant to Naval Representative	525
Fleet Unit	15,116
vii. The Department of Trade and Customs	483,956
viii. The Department of Home Affairs	845,014
ix. The Postmaster-General's Department	4,982,993

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. W. Maloney reported accordingly.

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

On the motion of Mr. Fisher the House ordered that the Report be considered to-morrow.

5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of the Treasury—

Land Tax Assessment Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Land Tax Year 1913-14.

Ordered to be printed.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Patten, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Stumm, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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