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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 65.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH JULY, 1915.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix relating to the proposed Extension of Buildings, Plant, &c., Small Arms Factory, Lithgow.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. THE WAR—APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MINISTER, ETC.—Mr. Fisher informed the House that it was proposed to ask Parliament to sanction the appointment of another Minister, and also of a Committee from both Houses to consider all matters referred to them by the Government, and that it was also proposed that a measure should be passed to number the people—that is, males between certain ages—and to ascertain the position of the people as regards their wealth and other possessions.
4. FEDERAL CAPITAL—ASSISTANT TO MR. GRIFFIN.—Mr. Archibald moved, That the Paper—"Federal Capital—Correspondence *re* temporary transfer of Mr. A. J. MacDo.ald to assist Mr. Griffin"—which was presented to the House on the 1st instant, be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Department of External Affairs—  
Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1915, No. 4—District Council.
6. JERVIS BAY TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Archibald 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 to 3 agreed to.  
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.  
 Schedule agreed to.  
 Preamble agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Higgs reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Archibald, the House adopted the Report.  
 Mr. Archibald moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 On the motion of Mr. Archibald the Bill was read a third time.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MINISTERS OF STATE BILL.—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. 70.

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 money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to increase the maximum number of Ministers of State from seven to eight, and to increase the amount appropriated for their salaries from Twelve thousand pounds to Thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty pounds a year.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 8th July, 1915.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to increase the maximum number of Ministers of State from seven to eight, and to increase the amount appropriated for their salaries from Twelve thousand pounds to Thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty pounds a year.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Fisher 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.

Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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.)

Bill debated, agreed to, and 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.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to seven 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—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott\*, Mr. Chapman, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hampson, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Manifold, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Rodgers, Colonel Ryrie\*, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Stumm.

\* On leave.

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