

1914-15-16.

 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY, 1916.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. West presented a Petition from certain electors against Vaccination and Inoculation of Australian soldiers, and praying that the House will frame measures to abolish the present practice.
Mr. Watt, for Mr. Wise, presented a Petition from certain electors in favour of applying the principle of Compulsory Military Service to the men and resources of the Commonwealth until the conclusion of the War, and praying that the House will frame measures to accomplish this end.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—
 - Audit Act—
Finance 1914-15—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1915, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Department of Trade and Customs—
Death and Invalidity in the Commonwealth—Committee concerning causes of—Preliminary Report.
Death and Invalidity in the Commonwealth—Committee concerning causes of—Reports on—
Risks of Middle Age.
Typhoid Fever.
 - Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 - Prime Minister's Department—
Baralong—Further correspondence with the German Government respecting the Incidents alleged to have attended the sinking of a German submarine and its crew by His Majesty's Auxiliary Cruiser *Baralong* on 19th August, 1915 (Paper presented to the British Parliament).
 - Department of Defence—
Arsenal Committee—Extracts from Report upon Visit to India, 1915.
Chaplains—Applications by the Anglican Chaplain-General for the appointment of additional Chaplains for Transports and correspondence in connexion therewith.
Cordite Factory—Extracts from the Annual Report of the Manager for—
Year ended 30th June, 1914.
Year ended 30th June, 1915.
Harness, Saddlery, and Leather Accoutrements Factory—Report for—
Year ended 30th June, 1914.
Year ended 30th June, 1915.
 - Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Attorney-General's Department—

Public Service Act—Promotion of J. H. Moore, as Clerk, 4th Class, Crown Solicitor's Office.

Department of Trade and Customs—

Customs Act—

Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 247.

Proclamations Prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Gold Jewellery of a quality standard of 9 carat and over (dated 10th May, 1916).

Fruit, Fresh, Dried, or Preserved in any way, and Nuts used as Fruit (dated 10th May, 1916).

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

W. H. Houston, as Clerk, 3rd Class, Accounts Branch (Expenditure), Victoria.

S. C. Francis, as Inspector, 2nd Class, Inspection Branch, South Australia.

B. A. Hart and J. Holman, as Supervisors, 3rd Class, Telegraph Branch, Sydney.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Scone, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Department of the Navy—

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 78.

4. **WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.**—Mr. Higgs moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Profits.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Higgs 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. Higgs moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. **SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (*see p. 426 ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.
— The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

6. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—RULES PUBLICATION BILL (1916).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to repeal Sections Three and Four of the 'Rules Publication Act 1903,'" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 17th May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

7. **RULES PUBLICATION BILL (1916).**—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

17th May, 1916.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1916).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1901' and the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1904'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 17th May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

9. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1916).—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1916).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend Section Seven of the 'Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1913'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 17th May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

11. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1916).—Mr. Webster moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1916).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 112.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend Section Two of the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902-1915'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 17th May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

13. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1916).—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS BILL (1916).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 113.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend Section Eight of the 'Customs Act 1901-1914'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 17th May, 1916.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

15. CUSTOMS BILL (1916).—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN ACTS AMENDMENT 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. 134.

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 amend the *War Loan Act 1914* and the *War Loan Act (No. 2) 1915*.

Melbourne, 17th May, 1916.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

17th May, 1916.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX 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. 135.

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 impose a Tax upon Profits.

Melbourne, 17th May, 1916.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

18. PAPER.—Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of Home Affairs—

Workshops at Port Augusta or Quorn—Copies of Reports as to establishment of Commonwealth Railway Workshops.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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

And then the House, at a quarter to 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. Bamford, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Poynton, General Ryrie*, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Spence, Mr. Stumm, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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