

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH MAY, 1916.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. **PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT FROM.**—Mr. Charlton, for the Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petitions—		
Conscription—In favour of—		
† From certain women of Victoria	No recommenda- tion	
† From certain electors	” ”	
† Vaccination and Inoculation—From certain electors against	” ”	
Papers—		
Arbitration (Public Service Act)—		
Award of Commonwealth Court of Concilia- tion and Arbitration on plaints of Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association and Commonwealth Postmasters' Association	” ”	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 24, 39, 175, 243, and 1916, Nos. 70, 71 ..	” ”	” ”
Transfers, dated 12th April, 1916	” ”	
* Australian Fruit Trade with United Kingdom— Progress Report by C. Cummins.Cherry, B.V.S.	To be printed	
Census and Statistics Act—Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1914-15	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members

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Papers—continued—		
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 224	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Commonwealth Bank Act— Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-Sheet at 31st December, 1915, together with Auditor-General's Report	To be printed	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 4, 72..	No recommenda- tion	
Commonwealth Workmen's Compensation Act— Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 92, and 1916, No. 34	" "	" "
Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1915, res- pecting Contract Immigrants admitted or re- fused admission into the Commonwealth, &c...	To be printed	
Customs Act— Proclamations Prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—		
Butter	No recommenda- tion	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Precious Stones	" "	" "
Raisins	" "	" "
Goods to China and Siam, together with Supplementary List of Names	" "	" "
Goods to the Netherlands	" "	" "
Tallow and other Animal Fats	" "	" "
Tallow, Fats, &c.	" "	" "
Waste Paper	" "	" "
Pepper and Capsicums	" "	" "
Gold Jewellery	" "	" "
Fruit, &c.	" "	" "
Proclamation Prohibiting Exportation of any goods packed in a bag if weight exceeds 200 lbs.	" "	" "
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 190, 222, 247, 259, 264; and 1916, Nos. 28, 36 ..	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Defence— Arsenal Committee—Extracts from Report upon Visit to India	To be printed	
†Chaplains on Transports—Applications and Correspondence	No recommenda- tion	
Cordite Factory—Extracts from Annual Report— For year ended 30th June, 1914	To be printed	
For year ended 30th June, 1915	" "	
*Expeditionary Forces—Return showing number of men in Camp more than six months ..	No recommenda- tion	
Harness, Saddlery, and Leather Accoutrements Factory—Report— For year ended 30th June, 1914	To be printed	
For year ended 30th June, 1915	" "	
Royal Military College—Report 1914–15 ..	No recommenda- tion	
State Rifle Associations, District Rifle Club— Unions—Report for year ended 30th June, 1915	To be printed	
Defence Act Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 200, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 220, 221, 226, 255, 256, 257, 258, 263, 266, 271; and 1916, Nos. 7, 17, 18, 43	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Electoral—Wide Bay Election, 11th December, 1915—Detailed Return of Voting	" "	

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Papers—<i>continued</i>—		
Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration Act)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 219 ..	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Enemy Trading Act Prosecutions—Return to Order of the House	" "	
Estate Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 66, 73, 97	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Fisheries—Zoological Results of Fishing Experiments by F.I.S. <i>Endeavour</i> . Vol. III., Part 7	" "	
High Commissioner's Sixth Annual Report, 1915..	To be printed	
Immigration Act—Return for 1915	" "	
Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 213, 245	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 207	" "	" "
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 254	" "	" "
Iron Bounty Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 52	" "	" "
Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act—Goods Rates	" "	
Goods Rates (Water Haulage, &c.)	" "	
Lands Acquisition Act—		
Lands acquired under, at Adelaide, Amungula (3), Armidale, Ballarat, Ballina, Bherwerre (2), Brighton, Broome, Bulli, Camperdown, Chippendale (3), Corowa, Cottesloe Beach, Cronulla Beach, Darwin, Enmore, Enoggera, Fremantle, Ginninderra (3), Ginninderra and Bedulluck, Glebe, Glenelg, Goorooyarroo (2), Hampton, Location 42, Heidelberg, Holbrook, Lawson, Liverpool, Majura (3), Merigan and Fairy Meadow, Molonglo, Mount Barker, Mundaring, Narrabri, North Perth, North Sydney, Northcote, Ooldea Water, Phillips Ponds, Pialligo, Port Adelaide, Port Pirie, Sandgate, Scone, Sydenham, Sydney (Crown-street), Tarcoola, Toronto, Trundle, Wagga Wagga, West End, Wilgena, Williams, Willochra, Wocalla, Woy Woy, Yarraville	" "	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 77	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 55	" "	" "
Naturalization Act—		
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 227 ..	" "	" "
Return for 1915	To be printed	
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 217, 218, 230, 248, 249; and 1916, Nos. 44, 69, 74, 75, 78	No recommenda- tion	" "
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 194, 198, 201, 214, 215, 231, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 239–242, 268, 269, 270; and 1916, Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 16, 23, 31, 33, 50, 51, 58, 59, 68	" "	" "
†Premises (offices) Leased for Commonwealth purposes	To be printed	

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Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued—</i>		
Public Service Act— Appointments, Promotions, &c., in cases of— A. V. Affleck, W. J. Baker, W. P. Bevan, C. G. Brown, J. S. Buchanan, T. H. Cameron, C. E. Critchley, J. S. Eastwood, H. B. Edwards, R. Ewing, L. B. Fanning, A. M. Faulkner, J. T. Fitzgerald, S. C. Francis, E. R. Harrington, B. A. Hart, J. Holman, W. H. Houston, H. Howqua, F. L. Jones, H. E. Jones, M. T. Keely, C. V. Kellway, J. G. Lawless, A. Lewis, A. Macdonald, H. Magee, T. W. Moffit, J. H. Moore, F. J. Reardon, C. W. Reinhold, J. G. Richardson, A. D. B. Rowley, J. Sheldon, W. T. Skeet, H. J. Stepleton, A. R. Townsend, E. H. Trebilco, H. A. West, A. P. Westhoven, A. W. White, L. M. White, W. E. M. Yates	No recommenda- tion	
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 187, 195, 196, 197, 199, 203, 204, 205, 206, 216..	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Public Works Committee Act—Regulations—Statu- tory Rules 1915, No. 202
Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 190
War, The— Austrian and German Papers found in possession of Mr. J. F. J. Archibald..
<i>Baralong Case—</i>		
Memorandum of the German Government and Reply thereto	
Further correspondence <i>re</i>	
Commerce (Sea-borne) of Germany—Statement of Measures to intercept..	
Execution of Miss Cavell—Correspondence re- specting	
German Possessions in Western Pacific—Cor- respondence respecting Military Operations against	
<i>Konigsberg</i> —Report of operations against	
National Relief Fund—Report	
Poland—Correspondence <i>re</i> proposals for relief of Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians (British) in Germany—Correspondence	
Returned Soldiers—Report of Conference <i>re</i> Settlement of Returned Soldiers on the Land, &c.	To be printed	
Suvla Bay—Arrangements made for Water Supply to the Troops	No recommenda- tion	
Trade—Report to Board of Trade with respect to Measures for securing the position, after the War, of certain Branches of British Industry..	
Von Papen, Captain—Selection from Papers found in the possession of Captain Von Papen	
War Pensions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 244	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
War Precautions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1915, Nos. 228, 229, 238, 253, 260; and 1916, Nos. 1, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 30, 37, 48, 63, 67
*Works, Buildings, Additions, &c., Expenditure in each State for years 1909-10 to 1913-14— Return to Order	To be printed	

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Committee Room,
18th May, 1916.M CHARLTON,
for Chairman.Mr. Charlton moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and passed.

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3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of Home Affairs—
Strategic Railway from Brisbane to Port Augusta *via* Hay—Report on, by Mr. Combes.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS—ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.—Mr. Tudor informed the House that the Government proposed to appoint a Royal Commission, probably a Judge, to inquire into the charges made in the House in regard to the Department of Home Affairs.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Charlton rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The embargo placed upon the export of coal to foreign ports".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Charlton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
6. 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.

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

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Chapman, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Poynton, General Ryrie*, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Spence, Mr. Stumm, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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