
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1916.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN (UNITED KINGDOM) BILL (No. 3) (1916).—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. 165.*

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 (United Kingdom) Act 1914-1916* and the *War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1915-1916*.

Melbourne, 7th September, 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.
3. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Charlton, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Reports from the Committee—

Stationery, Printing and Advertising Accounts of Commonwealth Departments—Report No. 2.

Stores and Supplies for Commonwealth Requirements.

Severally ordered to be printed.
4. RAILWAY WORKSHOPS AT PORT AUGUSTA OR QUORN.—Ordered, on the motion of Mr. O'Malley, That the Reports of Mr. A. E. Smith and Mr. A. Combes, laid on the Table on the 6th instant, be printed.
5. DEATH OF LORD KITCHENER AND OF CERTAIN EX-MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Hughes referred with deep regret to the death of Lord Kitchener, and to the deaths of Sir George Turner, Colonel Foxton, and Mr. W. J. Johnson, former Members of the House.

Mr. Joseph Cook spoke in similar terms, referring also to the death of Mr. G. A. McKay, Commissioner of Taxation.

Mr. William Maloney also spoke to like effect.

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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister's Department—

Ireland—Rebellion in—Report of Royal Commission—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Northern Territory Administration—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon certain charges against the Administrator and other officers.

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—Report of the Royal Commission on the charges made by D. L. Gilchrist, concerning the construction of the Western Section.

The War—

Belgium—Memorandum by the British Foreign Office relative to the treatment by the German Government of the civil population of Belgium.

Papers presented to the British Parliament—

India—Safety of alien enemies repatriated from, on the s.s. *Golconda*—

Correspondence with the United States Ambassador.

Further correspondence with the United States Ambassador.

Military Service (Civil Liabilities) Committee—Regulations.

Trading with the Enemy (Extension of Powers) Act 1915—Correspondence with the United States Ambassador respecting.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 190.

Department of the Treasury—

Audit Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 194.

Department of Trade and Customs—

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

W. H. Bale, as Clerk, 4th Class, Lighthouse Branch, Central Staff.

G. V. Eagles, as Inspector of Excise, 4th Class (Beenleigh).

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Ashford, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Public Service Act—Appointment of H. J. Cottee, as Supervisor of Rifle Ranges, Class E, Professional Division, Public Works Branch, Victoria.

Department of Defence—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—

Employment of Persons in a civil capacity—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 202.

Universal Training—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 209.

Military Forces (Financial and Allowance)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 208.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—

(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 102.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 198, 200, 201, 203–207.

Department of the Navy—

War Precautions Act—Regulations (Coaling Battalions)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 136.

Department of External Affairs—

Norfolk Island—Ordinance of 1916, No. 2—Export of Cattle and Beef.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 193, 196, 197, 199.

Public Service Act—

Promotions of—

W. H. Pye, as Postmaster, 2nd Class, Tamworth.

W. B. Rayner, as Postmaster, 3rd Class, Horsham.

J. T. Roberts, as Postmaster, 3rd Class, Ararat.

7. MILITARY SERVICE REFERENDUM BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to submit to a Referendum a question in relation to Military Service Abroad.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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.

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

8. THE WAR AND AUSTRALIAN RECRUITING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes :—That the Statement made to the House on Wednesday, 30th August last, showing the Government proposals for obtaining recruits for War Service, be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Poynton 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.

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9. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1916-17.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Higgs 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 agreed to, after debate.
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. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House at twenty-six 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. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hampson, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne*, Mr. Page, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Rodgers, General Ryrie*, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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