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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH MAY, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1920).—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913* and for other purposes.
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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General. *Message No. 13.*
A Bill intituled "*Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act 1920*," 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.
Federal Government House,
Melbourne, 18th May, 1920.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1920-21.—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. 14.*
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 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 twenty-one.
Melbourne, 13th May, 1920.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.
5. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That to-morrow, the 20th instant, Government Business shall take precedence over General Business.
Question—put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.

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7. **WAR GRATUITY BILL (1920) (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 12—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. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Gratuity Act 1920*.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, was adopted by the House.

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

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.

Mr. Hughes 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.)

Bill agreed to, after debate, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. **SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1919-20].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1919-20.

Question again proposed (*see p. 105 ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

First item agreed to.

Remainder of vote THE PARLIAMENT agreed to.

Ordered—That the Estimates be considered in Departments.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, agreed to.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, agreed to.

THE HOME AND TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT, agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—MILITARY, debated and agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS, debated and agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS, agreed to.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, debated and agreed to.

WAR SERVICES, agreed to.

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Resolved, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That the following Resolution be reported to the House :—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1919–20, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £24,223,933.

	Payable out of Revenue.	Payable out of Loan Funds, Trust Fund, and other Special Funds.	Total.
	£	£	£
THE PARLIAMENT	39,780	..	39,780
THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT—	199,301		
Audit Office—Salaries .. .. .	..	7,636	
" Contingencies .. .. .	..	9,678	
Commonwealth Shipbuilding .. .. .	..	19,783	
Commonwealth Line of Steamers .. .. .	..	21,928	
Commonwealth Shipping Board .. .. .	..	3,527	
Port Pirie Wharf .. .. .	..	1,240	
	199,301	63,792	263,093
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—	926,596		
Treasury—Salaries .. .. .	..	111	
Australian Notes, Bonds, and Stamp Printing Branch .. .. .	..	19,326	
Refunds of Revenue	350,000	..	
Advance to the Treasurer	2,000,000	..	
	3,276,596	19,440	3,296,036
THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT	67,367	..	67,367
THE HOME AND TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT—	618,413		
Northern Territory—Hotels .. .. .	..	2,320	
	618,413	2,320	620,733
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—MILITARY—	1,119,034		
District Accounts Branch—Pay .. .. .	..	12,000	
	1,119,034	12,000	1,131,034
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY—	1,536,924		
Naval Administration—Contingencies .. .. .	..	2,000	
Permanent Forces (Sea-going)—Contingencies .. .. .	..	2,000	
Maintenance of Ships and Vessels .. .. .	..	500,000	
Medical Services .. .. .	..	4,000	
Citizen Naval Forces (Royal Australian Naval Brigade)—			
Pay .. .. .	..	31,500	
Contingencies .. .. .	..	13,300	
Naval Establishments—Contingencies .. .. .	..	5,000	
Wireless Workshops .. .. .	..	3,000	
	1,536,924	560,800	2,097,724
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS—	583,011		
Central Staff—Salaries .. .. .	..	600	
Victoria—Salaries .. .. .	..	750	
Queensland .. .. .	..	200	
South Australia—Salaries .. .. .	..	100	
Western Australia—Salaries .. .. .	..	80	
	583,011	1,730	584,741
THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS—	617,412		
Naval Works Staff—Salaries .. .. .	..	26,890	
	617,412	26,890	644,302
THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—	5,223,143	..	5,223,143
WAR SERVICES—Payable out of Revenue	10,255,980	..	10,255,980
Total	23,536,961	686,972	24,223,933

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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9. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
10. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS [ESTIMATES 1919–20].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1919–20.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1919–20, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £2,979,706.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.

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

12. **APPROPRIATION BILL 1919–20.**—Sir Joseph Cook then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year;*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Joseph Cook 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 agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVIGATION BILL (1920).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend the Navigation Act 1912–1919,*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 19th May, 1920.

Mr. Hughes 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 GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1920).**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,

Message No. 15.

Governor-General.

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 *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913*, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 19th May, 1920.

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

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN BILL (1920).—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. 16.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Twenty million pounds for War purposes.

Melbourne, 19th May, 1920.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the foregoing Message.

Question put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Twenty million pounds for War purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages, up to the second reading, to be passed without delay.

Question put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.

Ordered That Sir Joseph Cook and Mr. Poynton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Joseph Cook 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 That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCE BILL (1920).—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. 17.

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 relating to an allowance to Members of each House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

Federal Government House,
Melbourne, 14th May, 1920.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes 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—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Chanter*, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Marks, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.