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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. W. Elliot Johnson presented a Petition from James Barker, styling himself President of the Evangelical Council of New South Wales, praying that the House will insert in the Defence Bill (1910) a clause by which exemption from compulsory military training may be claimed for children whose parents have conscientious convictions opposed to military training.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Superannuation—Report by G. H. Knibbs, Commonwealth Statistician (October, 1910).
Federal Government Houses, Melbourne and Sydney—Return showing area of grounds, and number, size, and description of rooms.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. JUDICIARY BILL (1910).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Hughes 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. Hughes, the Bill was read a third time.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS BILL (1910).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 46.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901.'*"

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 22nd November, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
 President.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Batchelor presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Papua—Ordinance of 1910—Amending Land.

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7. DEFENCE BILL (1910).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 19, as amended, further considered.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 20 agreed to.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“ 16A. Section one hundred and thirty-eight of the Principal Act is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section :—

“(3.) Persons who are students at a Theological College as defined by the regulations may, while they remain such students, on application be exempted by any prescribed authority from the prescribed training, but shall on ceasing to be such students, undergo such equivalent training as prescribed, unless exempted by some provision of this Act.”

Exemption of
theological
students.

Mr. Cook moved the following amendment to the proposed clause :—

Line 3, after “ College ” insert “ or for a religious profession or calling ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following amendment was, after debate, made in the proposed clause :—

Line 3, after “ regulations ” insert “ or theological students as prescribed ”.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, the following new clause was, after debate, added to the Bill :—

“ 21. When any member of the Military Forces—

(a) is killed on active service or on duty, or

(b) dies, or becomes incapacitated from earning his living from wounds

or disease contracted on active service,

provision shall be made for his widow and family or for himself as the case requires, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund at the prescribed rates.”

Provision in
case of death
or incapacity
on active service
or on duty.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

“ 22. Funds may be established in such manner and subject to such provisions as are prescribed for providing for the payment of annuities or gratuities to members of the Permanent Military Forces permanently injured in the performance of their duties, and for the payment of annuities or gratuities to members of the Permanent Military Forces who are retired on account of age or infirmity.”

Funds for
annuities or
gratuities in
case of injury
or retirement.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton 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.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Mr. Cook moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the re-consideration of clause 9.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Bill be so recommitted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cook	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Salmon
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wise
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Ozanne	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Atkinson
Sir John Quick	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. J. Johnson
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cann	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hall	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Howe	Mr. Brown
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Report be now adopted—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

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8. PAPER.—Mr. Tudor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Fisheries—Second Report by the Director, on Fishing Experiments carried out by the F.I.S. *Endeavour* (for period September, 1909, to October, 1910).

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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—Mr. Beard, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Thomson.

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