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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Robert Best 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 flotation of the War Loan and the treatment of the State Savings Banks by the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank in connexion therewith." 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—Sir Robert Best moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 72.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1913,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th August, 1915.
4. WAR PENSIONS BILL (1915)—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 3, after "amended" in line 11, and before paragraph (a), insert the following new paragraph :—

"(aa) by omitting the definition of 'Dependants' and inserting in its stead the following definition :—

'Dependants' means the wife or widow and children or ex-nuptial children of a member of the Forces, whose death or incapacity results from his employment in connexion with warlike operations, and includes such other members of the family of that member of the Forces as were wholly or in part dependent upon his earnings at any time during the period of twelve months prior to his enlistment, or who would, but for such incapacity, have been so dependent, and parents who though not dependent upon the earnings of the member at any time during the period of twelve months prior to his enlistment are, at any time within five years after his death, without adequate means of support; and where the member—

(i.) being the grandparent of an ex-nuptial child, leaves the child so dependent upon his earnings, or

(ii.) being an ex-nuptial child, leaves a parent or grandparent so dependent upon his earnings,

includes such an ex-nuptial child and parent or grandparent respectively."

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No. 2.—Page 5, clause 14, at end of clause add—

“(3.) A child to whom a pension has been granted, who on attaining the age of sixteen years is, in the opinion of the Commissioner, unable to earn a livelihood, may then be granted a pension at such rate as may be assessed by the Commissioner, but not exceeding the rate specified in column two of the Schedule opposite the rate of pay of the member : .

Provided that an application for the pension shall be made to the Commissioner or a Deputy Commissioner within six months of the child attaining the age of sixteen years.”

Mr. Jensen moved, That the Committee agree to the Amendments.

Debate ensued.

And two amendments having been proposed, and the Chairman having ruled them severally out of order—

Mr. Thomas moved the following amendment :—

In Amendment No. 1, after the letters “(aa)”, omit the words “by omitting”.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TREASURY BILLS BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 73.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the Treasury Bills Act 1914,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 13th August, 1915.

6. SMALL ARMS FACTORY—ERECTION AT CANBERRA.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Archibald :—That, in view of the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is desirable that a Small Arms Factory, with necessary provision for housing workmen, be erected forthwith at Canberra—
Debate resumed.

Mr. Hughes 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 Wednesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Page, General Ryrie*, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Stumm, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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