

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 22ND MAY, 1916.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of External Affairs—
Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine, Townsville, Queensland—Half-yearly Report from 1st July to 31st December, 1915.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. WAR LOAN BILL (UNITED KINGDOM) (NO. 1) (1916).—Mr. Higgs moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Loan Act* 1914, and the *War Loan Act* (No. 2) 1915.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Higgs 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.
4. REPRESENTATION BILL.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the appointment of an Enumeration Day for the purposes of the *Representation Act* 1905.
Question—put and passed.
5. WAR PENSIONS BILL (1916).—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. 131—
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. Higgs, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Pensions Act* 1914-1915.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Higgs 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. Higgs, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Higgs and Mr. Tudor do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Higgs 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. Higgs 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Wise, after debate, the following amendment was made:—

Page 1, line 15, after "person" insert "or the widowed mother of an unmarried son".

On the motion of Mr. Charlton, the following further amendment was made:—

Page 2, line 13, omit "within five years".

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate, the following new paragraph was inserted to follow line 14:—

“(aa) by inserting in sub-section (1.) after the word ‘widow’ the words ‘or the widowed mother of an unmarried son’;”

Mr. Brennan moved the following further amendment:—

Line 20, omit "Ten".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Page
Mr. Webster	Mr. Tudor

Noes, 31.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Burns	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Carr	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Yates
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Fowler	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hampson	
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Greene
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Mathews

And so it was negatived.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL (1916).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 115.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Trading with the Enemy Acts 1914,'" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd May, 1916.THOS. GIVENS,
President.

7. TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL (1916).—Mr. Tudor 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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1916-17 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 1) 1916-17.—The following Messages from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

A. L. STANLEY,
*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 136.*

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 seventeen.

Melbourne, 22nd May, 1916.

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 137.

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 seventeen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

Melbourne, 22nd May, 1916.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PUBLIC SERVICE (ACTING COMMISSIONER) BILL.—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 138.

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 provide for the appointment, temporarily, of an Acting Public Service Commissioner.

Melbourne, 22nd May, 1916.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1916).—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 139.

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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Melbourne, 22nd May, 1916.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

11. WAR LOAN BILL (UNITED KINGDOM) (No. 1) 1916.—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.)

Bill agreed to and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

12. PUBLIC SERVICE (ACTING COMMISSIONER) BILL.—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. 138.

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. Tudor, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment, temporarily, of an Acting Public Service Commissioner.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Tudor 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. Tudor, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tudor and Mr. Higgs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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Mr. Tudor 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. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Carr 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 a later hour this day.

13. WAR PENSIONS BILL (1916).—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 5 further considered—

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 20, omit "shillings per fortnight", and insert "Twenty shillings per fortnight for the first child, Fifteen shillings per fortnight for the second child, and Ten shillings per fortnight for the third and each subsequent child".

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the following further amendments were made :—

Lines 28-32, omit "in the following cases shall be as follows :—

- (a) to a child, whose mother is dead and whose father is totally or partially incapacitated, Fifteen shillings per fortnight ;
- (b) to a child".

Line 32, after "dead" insert "shall be".

Mr. Yates moved the following further amendment :—

Page 3, line 48, after "Second" insert "and Third".

Proposed amendment debated and negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 48, omit "unless otherwise prescribed".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated—

Mr. Charlton moved, That the following words be omitted from the Second Schedule :—

"The maximum rate for six months, thereafter three-fourths of the maximum rate.
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Proposed amendment debated, and, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs the following amendment was made :—

Omit the following words :—

"for at least six months, and thereafter subject to reduction to seven-eighths of the maximum rate if and so long as the member is capable of earning at least Six shillings a week."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Higgs moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of a further amendment in Clause 3.

Question—put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Page 2, Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Higgs the following amendment was made :—

After line 25 insert the following new paragraph :—

"(aa) by inserting in the definition of 'member of the forces', after the words 'ship of war', the words 'or enlisted or appointed for service in connexion with naval or military preparations or operations ; and'".

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, by leave, the House adopted the Reports.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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14. PUBLIC SERVICE (ACTING COMMISSIONER) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
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.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Works Committee Act—First General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Department of Defence—
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 11, 13, 27, 35, 38, 39, 40, 42, 46, 49, 53, 62, 82, 96.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.
17. WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Joseph Cook, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 18.
19. CUSTOMS HOUSE, SYDNEY: ALTERATIONS, &c.—FURTHER REMISSION TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. O'Malley:—That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works having reported to the House the result of their inquiries into the proposed alterations and additions to the Customs House, Sydney, and the Minister having obtained estimates of cost, £51,481 7s. 11d., tabled herewith, more closely calculated than those upon which the Committee reported, involving virtually double the Committee's estimate of cost, £29,000, the House resolves that their Report be remitted to the Committee for further consideration, and report as to the expediency of the work.
Question—put and passed.
20. ADDITIONAL DAY OF SITTING.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at eighteen 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. Burchell, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Patten, Mr. Poynton, General Ryrie*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Stumm, and Mr. John Thomson.

* On leave.

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