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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1916.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.
- Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Patten
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Spence
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Watt
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Sir William Irvine	Mr. West
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Wise
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Yates
Mr. Livingston	
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Greene
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Page

Noes, 8.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Burns	
Mr. Catts	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Brennan
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Finlayson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Prime Minister's Department—
The War—

National Relief Fund—Report on the Administration of, up to 31st March, 1916—
(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—Temporary Employees—Return for year 1915-16.

Department of External Affairs—

Norfolk Island—Ordinance of 1916—

No. 3—Foreign Marriage.

Papua—Ordinances of 1916—

No. 3.—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) 1915-1916.

No. 4.—Supply 1916-1917 (No. 1).

Department of Trade and Customs—

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 195.

Customs Act—

Proclamation Prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Silver Ingots or Bars, Sheet Silver or Granulated Silver (dated 23rd August, 1916).

Alterations in List of Persons in China and Siam to whom Goods may be Exported (with Minister's consent) (dated 19th August, 1916).

Public Service Act—

Promotion of J. R. McManus, as Boarding Inspector, New South Wales.

4. MILITARY SERVICE REFERENDUM 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. Burns moved the following amendment—After the word "That" insert "in the opinion of this House conscription of human life is inadvisable, and that the proposal of this Government, if given effect to, would be destructive of the best interest of Australia."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Burns	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Hannan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Catts
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Mathews

Noes, 49.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Manifold
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Boyd	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Patten
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Spence
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hughes	
Sir William Irvine	
Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Yates

And so it was negatived.

Debate on original motion continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1916.

Debate continued.

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Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Patten
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Spence
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Stumm
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Webster
Mr. Gregory	Mr. West
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Yates
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Greene
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 10.

Mr. Burns	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Catts	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

Mr. Mathews addressing the Committee, the Chairman ruled that he was out of order in referring to the Prime Minister's speech on the second reading of the Bill.

Mr. Mathews having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Mathews
<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Anstey
Mr. W. Maloney

Noes, 52.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Page
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Patten
Mr. Burns	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Spence
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hannan	Mr. West
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Yates
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Brennan
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Greene

And so it was negatived.

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Clause further debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 debated—

Mr. Anstey moved the following amendment :—

Lines 17 and 18, omit all words after "subdivision".

Amendment, after debate, negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Finlayson moved the following amendment :—

Lines 25-6, omit "in this grave emergency,".

Amendment, after debate, negatived.

Mr. Parker Moloney moved the following amendment :—

Line 29, add "in order that the Government may have power to call up for military service all male citizens between the ages of eighteen and sixty years."

Amendment, after debate, negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

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

Page 3, line 8, after "war" insert—

"Provided that this paragraph and sub-section (1.) of section nine shall not apply to any naturalized British subject, wherever born, who produces to the presiding officer a certificate signed by the District Commandant of a Military District, or an officer thereto authorized by him, that that person is a parent of a person who has been or is a member of the Forces ;"

Mr. Jensen moved the following further amendment :—

Page 3, at end of clause add—

"Provided further that, notwithstanding anything contained in section four of that Act, the provisions of section one hundred and eighty-one AA of the Commonwealth *Electoral Act* 1902-1911 shall not apply to the referendum to be held under this Act."

Amendment debated and, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. W. Maloney moved the following amendment :—

Line 26, after "territory" insert "prior to the present war".

Amendment debated and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

Mr. Finlayson moved the following amendment :—

Omit, in lines 7-8—

"not under the age of twenty-one years,"

and, in lines 9-10 omit—

"(who are enrolled as electors of the Commonwealth or are eligible to be so enrolled)".

Amendment debated and negatived.

Mr. Jensen moved the following amendment :—After paragraph (a) insert the following new paragraph—

"(aa) members of the crew of any Australian transport vessel employed in the conveyance of members of the Forces to or from Australia, who—

(i) are not under the age of twenty-one years, and

(ii) are enrolled as electors of the Commonwealth, or are eligible to be so enrolled ; and".

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

"5A. The provisions of section sixty-one with the exception of sub-section (a) of the *Defence Act* 1903-1915 shall not apply under this Act."

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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Mr. Jensen 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.

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, the House adopted the Report.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Patten
Mr. Carr	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Spence
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Yates
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Livingston	
Mr. Lynch	

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Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Burns	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Catts	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	

Tellers:

Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Page

Tellers:

Mr. Greene
Mr. John Thomson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House at twenty-four minutes past one 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. Burchell, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hampson, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne*, Mr. Palmer, General Ryrie*, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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