THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 19TH JULY, 1917.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.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—Quartermaster-Sergeant Ozanne—Papers connected with Discharge from the Australian Imperial Forces.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

- 3. Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Bills referred to in the suspension of Standing Orders motion of yesterday to be passed through all their remaining stages without delay.

 Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
- 4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That, on each sitting day, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 5. Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill (1917).—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections four and twenty-two of the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1916.
 Question—put and passed.
- 6. War-time Profits Tax Assessment Bill.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Profits.

Question - put and passed.

Sir John Forrest 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 a later hour this day.

- NATURALIZATION BILL (1917).—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a
 Bill for an Act to amend the Naturalization Act 1903.
 Question—put and passed.
- 8. RAILWAYS BILL.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Construction and Management of Commonwealth Railways.

 Question—put and passed.
- 9. Postponement of Order of the Day. Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.

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10. Unlawful Associations Bill (1917).—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 into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2-

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause:-

"But no trade organization of labour, registered under the Commonwealth Arbitration Act, or under the law of any State, or whose conditions are regulated by a Wages Board, shall be declared an unlawful association by any notice published by the Governor-General without the consent of Parliament."

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Hughes moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause:-

"Provided that this last sub-section shall not apply in the case of any association registered under any Arbitration law of the Commonwealth or any State, or any law relating to Trades Unions in any State."

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated-

Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment, That the words "born in Australia" be omitted from paragraph (a).

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom (see entry No. 3 ante) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. WHEAT STORAGE 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. Poynton 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 to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

Members Present —All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott**a, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Burchell**a, Mr. Fleming*a, Mr. Lamond, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. McGrath**a, Mr. Nicholls, General Ryrie**a, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. John Thomson.

 * On leave. a Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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