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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH JULY, 1917

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Anstey presented a Petition from electors in the State of Victoria praying that the House will proclaim "shouting" illegal during the currency of the war and for twelve months thereafter.  
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Trade and Customs Department—  
Promotion of—  
H. McConaghy,  
A. Harders,  
A. D. Zschorn.
4. 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.  
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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Pigott moved, That the word "one" in line 10 be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "two" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Finlayson (for Mr. J. H. Catts) moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

"Provided that the representative of each State before mentioned shall be a practical farmer approved by the recognised farmers' organization of such State."

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

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Clause 7 debated—

Mr. R. W. Foster moved, as an amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to the clause :—

“(d) arrange with the Governments of the respective States for the erection of such other temporary structures as may be found necessary.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 debated—

Mr. Finlayson (for Mr. J. H. Catts) moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

“Provided that the Authority responsible for the storage of wheat or flour in such silos shall guarantee owners against damage sustained after the receipt of such wheat or flour in good order and condition.”

Amendment negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes (see entry No. 3 of *Votes and Proceedings*, No. 4) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1916-17.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to appropriate the supplies granted by the Parliament 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.,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 20th July, 1917.

6. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.—Mr. Hughes informed the House that the Address-in-Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at twenty-five minutes to four o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday next in the Parliamentary Library.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
The War—  
List of Patriotic Associations to which Soldiers' wives may apply for financial assistance in case of distress.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past four 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—General Abbott<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Corser, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Mackay, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McDonald<sup>a</sup>, Mr. McGrath<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Nicholls, General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates<sup>a</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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