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(SECOND SESSION.)

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 6.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at thirty-five minutes past three o'clock this day, in the Library, and asked that as many Members as could do so would accompany him on the occasion.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RAILWAYS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 11.*

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 relating to the Construction and Management of Commonwealth Railways.

Melbourne, 25th July, 1917.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. SALMON).—Mr. Sampson moved; by leave, That leave of absence for six months on the ground of ill-health be given to the honorable Member for Grampians (Mr. Salmon).  
Question—put and passed.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—WOOL CLIP.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the purchase by the Imperial Government, through the Commonwealth Government, of portion of the Wool Clip for the season 1916–1917.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Wool Clip—Australian—Statement *re* the purchase by the Imperial Government, through the Commonwealth Government, of portion of the Clip for the season 1916–1917.  
Royal Australian Naval College—Report for 1916.  
Papua—Annual Reports for the years—  
1914–15.  
1915–16.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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7. RECRUITING SCHEME—COST.—Mr. Heitmann moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing—

- (1) The total cost of recruiting under the present scheme since its inception in January last.
- (2) The cost in each State of the Commonwealth.
- (3) The cost per recruit throughout the Commonwealth.
- (4) The cost per recruit in each State.

Question—put and passed.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Recruiting Scheme—Cost—Return to the foregoing Order.

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.

10. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker, with Members of the House, went to attend His Excellency the Governor-General in the Library, and, having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 12th instant, and that His Excellency had made the following reply :—

I have much pleasure in accepting the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the Opening of the Second Session of the Seventh Commonwealth Parliament, and I thank you for the expression of loyalty to His Majesty the King.

11. WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Tudor 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.

12. RAILWAYS BILL.—Mr. Watt, pursuant to leave given on the 19th instant, brought up a Bill intitled, "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Construction and Management of Commonwealth Railways*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Watt moved (see entry No. 3 of *Votes and Proceedings* No. 4), That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. J. H. Catts 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.

13. PUBLIC SERVICE 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.

Mr. Groom 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.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1916-17.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year*," to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 25th July, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATIONS BILL, (1917).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Unlawful Associations Act 1916*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 25th July, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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

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(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 3, clause 5 (7K), after sub-clause (1.) of the clause insert the following sub-clause :—

“(1A.) All books, periodicals, pamphlets, hand-bills, posters, or newspapers issued by or on behalf of an unlawful association, or advocating an unlawful association or its propaganda, may be seized by any person thereto authorized by a Minister of State or by a prescribed authority, and shall thereupon be forfeited to the Commonwealth.”

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 5 (7F), line 16, after “an” insert “unlawful”.

No. 3.—Page 3, clause 5 (7F), line 18, at end of clause, add :—

“and proof that the defendant has since the beginning of the war repeatedly—

- (a) attended meetings of the association ; or
- (b) spoken publicly in advocacy of the association ; or
- (c) distributed literature of the association,

shall, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be evidence that he was a member of the association.”

Mr. Groom moved, That Amendment No. 1 be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Corser	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Greene
Mr. Manifold	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Page	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Riley	Mr. Yates
Mr. Tudor	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That Amendment No. 2 be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spence
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Greene
Mr. Manifold	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Considine	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Yates
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Riley	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, Amendment No. 3 agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Groom moved, That Mr. Hughes, Mr. Glynn, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up a Reason for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendment No. 2.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Groom, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reason which was read, and is as follows :—

*Reason for disagreeing to Amendment No. 2.*—The Amendment is inconsistent with the purport of the clause.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Committee's Reason be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

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16. NATURALIZATION BILL (1917).—Mr. Glynn, pursuant to leave given on the 19th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Naturalization Act 1903'*," 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 to-morrow.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald<sup>a</sup>, Mr. McGrath<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Nicholls, General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Salmon<sup>a</sup>, and Mr. John Thomson.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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