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(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Apples—Return showing Exports from each State of the Commonwealth during 1912, 1913, first six months of 1914, 1914–15, 1915–16, 1916–17.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—

Proclamation prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Glue Pieces (dated 18th July, 1917).

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 158.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 159.

Public Service Act—Promotion of T. S. Hulme, Department of the Treasury.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1917–18.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

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

*Message No. 19.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 8th August, 1917.

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

*Message No. 20.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 8th August, 1917.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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4. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Sir John Forrest, having delivered the Budget Speech, moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President ... .. £1,100  
be agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
The Budget, 1917–18—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1917–18.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.
7. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom 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 to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until immediately after Order of the Day No. 5.
9. NATURALIZATION BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Glynn 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Poynton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Groom	Mr. Spence
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Wise
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Lister	
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Greene
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Sampson

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Mr. Brennan	Mr. Yates.
Mr. Considine	
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Page
Mr. Wallace	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 5 agreed to.

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Clause 6—

Mr. Glynn moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "stead" be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—

" 10. A person (not being a natural-born British subject)—

(a) whose father, or whose mother (being a widow or divorcee) was naturalized under the law of the Commonwealth or of a State ; or

(b) whose mother has married a natural-born British subject, or a person who is naturalized under the law of the Commonwealth or of a State,

and who at the time of such naturalization of his father or mother, or of such marriage of his mother, was an infant, and has at any time during infancy resided in Australia with such father or mother, shall in the Commonwealth be deemed to be naturalized, and have the same rights, powers, and privileges, and be subject to the same obligations, as a person who has obtained a certificate of naturalization."

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7—

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

"and by omitting the proviso thereto and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections :—

(2.) Where a certificate of naturalization is revoked the Governor-General may by order declare that the wife of the person whose certificate is revoked and any minor children of that person who have acquired British nationality pursuant to this Act shall cease to be British subjects and such persons shall thereupon become aliens, but save as in this sub-section provided the nationality of the wife and minor children of a person whose certificate is revoked shall not be affected by the revocation and they shall remain British subjects :

Provided that it shall be lawful for any such wife within six months after the date of the order of revocation to make a declaration of alienage and on making that declaration she and any minor children of her husband and herself who have acquired British nationality pursuant to this Act shall cease to be British subjects and shall become aliens :

Provided further that it shall be lawful for any such minor child within six months after attaining the age of twenty-one years to make a declaration of alienage and thereupon he shall cease to be a British subject and shall become an alien.

(3.) Nothing in this section shall affect the property rights of any person who so ceases to be a British subject, as existing at the date when he so ceased."

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 debated—

Mr. Glynn moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (b) (lines 38-41) be omitted from the clause.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clause—

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

"Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other Act any person to whom letters of naturalization have been issued by the Dominion of New Zealand shall be entitled *ipso facto* to a grant of letters of naturalization from the Commonwealth."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proposed new clause be added to the Bill—put.

The Committee divided--

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Mathews.	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Tudor	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Wallace	Mr. Page

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Mr. Archibald	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Sir William Irvine	
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Leckie	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Greene
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Mackay	

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

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10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at a quarter to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton,  
Mr. Lamond, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald<sup>a</sup>, Mr. McGrath<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Palmer,  
Mr. Riley, General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Salmon<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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