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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial statement with reference to the Government policy and the action taken by the Government in connexion with the attitude of the wharf labourers in Melbourne, and their refusal to load certain vessels with produce because of the high cost of living. He further intimated that the Inter-State Commission would inquire into the questions involved.
Mr. Tudor, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 163–167.
Public Service Act—Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 160.
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 155, 156, 162, 168.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Finlayson rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The re-appointment of Dr. Gilruth as Administrator of the Northern Territory".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Finlayson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DAYLIGHT SAVING REPEAL BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senaté :—

<p>MR. SPEAKER,</p> <p>The Senate has passed a Bill for "<i>An Act to repeal the 'Daylight Saving Act 1916'</i>," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.</p> <p>The Senate, Melbourne, 9th August, 1917.</p>	<p><i>Message No. 8.</i></p> <p>THOS. GIVENS, President.</p>
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6. DAYLIGHT SAVING REPEAL BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
7. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1917).—Mr. Groom, for Mr. Hughes, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1915*.
Question—put and passed.

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8. 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.
 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—

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word "years" (line 16) :—

"and who has passed, whether before or after the commencement of this proviso, the prescribed examination".

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Groom moved, as a further amendment, That the words "upon passing the prescribed examination" (at the end of the clause) be omitted.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (c) :—

", and (d) by adding at the end of that sub-section the words 'or on active service in the Naval Forces.'"

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New Clauses—

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

1A. Section two of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :— Amendment of s. 2.

"(2.) References in this Act to persons who have served in any Expeditionary Force raised under the provisions of the *Defence Act* 1903–1915 shall be deemed to include members of the Army Medical Corps Nursing Service accepted or appointed by the Director-General of Medical Services for service outside Australia and members of the Naval Forces who have been on active service outside Australia."

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

1B. After section twenty-one of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

"21A. Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding section any person who has served with satisfactory record in any Expeditionary Force raised under the provisions of the *Defence Act* 1903–1915 and who is eligible for appointment to the Clerical Division may be appointed to such class and subdivision as the Commissioner determines." Appointments of returned soldiers to positions in Clerical Division.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

1C. Section twenty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, after paragraph (c), the following words :—"and may empower the Commissioner to specify that any particular examination for admission to the Clerical Division is only for persons who have served with satisfactory record in any Expeditionary Force raised under the provisions of the *Defence Act* 1903–1915". Amendment of s. 27.

Question—put and passed.

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

1D. After section twenty-nine of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

"29A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act the Governor-General may by regulation prescribe that any person who has served with satisfactory record in any Expeditionary Force raised under the provisions of the *Defence Act* 1903–1915 and who has passed a prescribed examination conducted by a University or other public examining body, notwithstanding that that examination is not competitive, shall be deemed to have passed a prescribed examination conducted by examiners appointed under this Act." Meaning of prescribed examination.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

“6.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act or the Regulations thereunder, any person who has successfully passed any prescribed examination to which this section applies and has served with satisfactory record in any Expeditionary Force raised under the provisions of the *Defence Act* 1903-1915 shall be eligible for appointment to the Public Service at any time before he has attained the age of fifty-one years.

Preservation of eligibility of members of the Forces for appointment.

“(2.) This section applies to any examination for admission to the Public Service for which the maximum age fixed for candidates at the date of examination exceeds sixteen years.”

Question—put and passed.

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

“Nothing in this Act shall entitle the Public Service Commissioner to dispense with the services of any employee merely by reason of the fact that he has not been accepted for active service abroad.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Considine	Mr. West	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Yates	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Higgs		Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Wallace	Mr. Mathews	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
		Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
		Sir William Irvine	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Lynch	
		Mr. Mackay	
		Mr. Manifold	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Greene
		Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Orchard

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

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past ten 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. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald^a, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Riley, General Ryrie^a, Mr. Salmon^a, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watkins.

^a On leave.

(^a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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