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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 10—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir John Forrest then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it now be read a first time.

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

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Member Named.—Mr. Higgs, in addressing the House, used certain expressions which Mr. Speaker ruled were out of order and must be withdrawn. Mr. Higgs, refusing to withdraw the disorderly expressions, was named by Mr. Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the honorable Member for Capricornia (Mr. Higgs) be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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The House divided—

| Ayes, 34. | | Noes, 9. | |
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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Manifold | Mr. Brennan | Mr. West |
| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Maxwell | Mr. Finlayson | |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Palmer | Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Boyd | Mr. Poynton | Mr. W. Maloney | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Joseph Cook | Mr. Rodgers | Mr. Mathews | Mr. Fenton |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Sampson | Mr. Tudor | Mr. Page |
| Sir John Forrest | Mr. Sinclair | | |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Bruce Smith | | |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Laird Smith | | |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Spence | | |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Story | | |
| Mr. Heitmann | Mr. John Thomson | | |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Watt | | |
| Sir William Irvine | Mr. Wise | | |
| Mr. Kelly | | | |
| Mr. Lamond | <i>Tellers:</i> | | |
| Mr. Lister | Mr. Greene | | |
| Mr. Lynch | Mr. Pigott | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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 to 3, after debate, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (1917).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-15'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th August, 1917.

4. DEFENCE BILL (1917).—Mr. Joseph Cook 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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1917-18.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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6. FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 7—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Freight Arrangements Act 1915*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, after debate, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. SUGAR PURCHASE BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 8—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sugar Purchase Act 1915*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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8. WAR LOAN (UNITED KINGDOM) BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 9—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir John Forrest moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1914-1916* and the *War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1915-1916*.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7.
10. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 18—
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend Sections Four and Twenty-two of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1916*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

11. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1917).—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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 12 and 13.
13. RAILWAYS BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(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 12, lines 46-49, after "Parliament" leave out "or by the House of Representatives alone in two consecutive Sessions thereof : Provided that not less than six weeks have intervened between such addresses when made by the House of Representatives alone."
- No. 2, page 6, clause 21, at the end of sub-clause (3.) add "and may provide house accommodation for employees on such terms and conditions as he determines."
- No. 3, page 8, clause 29, line 10, leave out "fares and charges", insert "fares, charges, and conditions".

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No. 4, page 8, clause 29, line 12, leave out "fares and charges", insert "fares, charges, and conditions".

No. 5, page 9, leave out clause 38.

No. 6, page 9, clause 42, line 36, after "report" insert "and balance-sheet showing stocks on hand, depreciation of property".

No. 7, page 9, clause 42, line 37, leave out "of his".

No. 8, page 10, after clause 47 insert the following new clause:—

"47A. The *Arbitration (Public Service) Act* 1911 shall apply to the Railway Service in like manner as it applies to the Public Service of the Commonwealth: Application of Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1911 to Railway Service.
 Provided that in its application to the Railway Service any reference in that Act to the Public Service Commissioner shall be read as a reference to the Commonwealth Railways Commissioner."

No. 9, page 11, clause 51, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause:—

"(2.) In this section the words 'salary' and 'wage' include all allowances other than travelling allowances."

No. 10, page 11, clause 52, line 24, leave out "or" insert "employed in the construction or working of any Commonwealth railway or is at".

No. 11, page 11, clause 52, line 26, leave out "therein", insert "in the Railway Service".

No. 12, page 11, clause 52, line 27, after "employment" insert "in the construction or working of any Commonwealth railway or".

No. 13, page 12, clause 53, line 12, after "his" insert "grade or".

No. 14, page 13, clause 58, line 47, before "surveys" insert "preliminary".

No. 15, page 15, clause 63, line 21, leave out "public parks, recreation grounds,".

No. 16, page 20, clause 80, lines 42-44, leave out "and on the request of the injured person where reasonable such examination shall be held in the presence of the private medical practitioner of such injured person," insert "and, unless the examination would thereby be delayed for a period of at least twenty-four hours, the person may require that the examination shall take place in the presence of a medical practitioner to be nominated and paid by the person".

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

14. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1917)—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(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 1, clause 2, at end of clause add "or on a ship of war."

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, line 22, after "body" insert "in any part of the British Dominions".

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 7, lines 37-41, leave out "provisions of this section which limit the time for which a person may be temporarily employed in the Public Service shall not apply in the case of a person who has served with satisfactory record in any Expeditionary Force raised under the provisions of the *Defence Act* 1903-1915.", insert "employment of a person who has served with satisfactory record in any Expeditionary Force raised under the provisions of the *Defence Act* 1903-1915 and who has been temporarily employed for six months may, upon a report from the Permanent Head that he has satisfactorily performed his duties and that temporary assistance is still required, be extended from time to time by the Commissioner for such periods as he thinks fit."

On the motion of Mr. Groom the amendments were agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

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15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-six 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^{*a}, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell^{*a}, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Considine, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald^{*},
Mr. McGrath^{*a}, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Riley, General Ryrie^{*a},
Mr. Salmon^{*}, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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