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(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

- 1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. CHAPMAN).—Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr. Chapman) on account of ill-health.  
Question—put and passed.
- 3. WAR LOAN BILL (1917) (No. 2).—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.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.

Proposed New Clauses—

Mr. J. H. Catts moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill to stand as clause 4 :—

“ No portion of any moneys borrowed under the authority of this Act shall be utilized for the purpose of interference in any industrial dispute by the Military and Naval forces, or by the machinery provided under the War Precautions Act.”

The Chairman ruled that the proposed new clause was not in order.

Mr. J. H. Catts having handed in, in writing, an objection to the ruling, moved, That the ruling be disagreed with.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Noes, 12.

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| Mr. Archibald    | Mr. Lister       |
| Mr. Atkinson     | Mr. Lynch        |
| Mr. Bamford      | Mr. Mackay       |
| Mr. Bayley       | Mr. Manifold     |
| Mr. Boyd         | Mr. Maxwell      |
| Mr. Joseph Cook  | Mr. Palmer       |
| Mr. Corser       | Mr. Pigott       |
| Mr. Falkiner     | Mr. Poynton      |
| Sir John Forrest | Mr. Sinclair     |
| Mr. Fowler       | Mr. Laird Smith  |
| Mr. Glynn        | Mr. Story        |
| Mr. Gregory      | Mr. John Thomson |
| Mr. Groom        | Mr. Watt         |
| Mr. Hughes       | Mr. Webster      |
| Mr. Jensen       |                  |
| Mr. Kelly        | <i>Tellers:</i>  |
| Mr. Lamond       | Mr. Greene       |
| Mr. Leckie       | Mr. Rodgers      |

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| Mr. Anstey     | Mr. Page        |
| Mr. Considine  | Mr. Tudor       |
| Mr. Finlayson  | Mr. West        |
| Mr. Heitmann   |                 |
| Mr. Higgs      | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. J. H. Catts |
| Mr. Mathews    | Mr. Fenton      |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the Question being accordingly put—That the ruling be disagreed with—  
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister
Mr. Considine	Mr. West	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Finlayson		Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Higgs		Mr. Bayley	Mr. Manifold
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Mathews	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Page	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Corser	Mr. Pigott
		Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Poynton
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story
		Mr. Groom	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
		Sir William Irvine	
		Mr. Jensen	
		Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lamond	Mr. Greene
		Mr. Leckie	Mr. Rodgers

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Poynton moved, That the following new clause be added to stand as clause 4:—

"4. The rate of interest shall be 5¼ per cent., and shall not be exempt from taxation."

Debate ensued.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Leckie	Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Yates
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Finlayson	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sinclair		
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Greene		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Laird Smith		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That the proposed new clause be added to stand as clause 4—

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Considine	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Yates	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Higgs		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Lamond		Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Leckie	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Page	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Sampson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. West	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Falkiner	Mr. John Thomson
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Fenton
		Mr. Jensen	Mr. Greene

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Fenton moved, That the following new clause be added to stand as clause 4 :—

“The loan shall be subject to any taxation imposed upon general taxpayers.”

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Leckie	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Finlayson	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Manifold	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Mathews	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Page	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sampson		
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Greene		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That the proposed new clause be added to stand as clause 4—

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Considine		Mr. Bayley	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Finlayson		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page	Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sinclair
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Hughes	
		Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Leckie	Mr. Boyd
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Greene

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Higgs moved, That the following new clause be added to stand as clause 4 :—

“Such amount of money as is borrowed from the Bank of the Commonwealth under this Act shall be allowed to remain in said banks until required by the Commonwealth, due notice being given of such requirement by the Commonwealth: providing that said banks shall pay interest on said loan moneys while said loan moneys are in their possession.”

The Chairman ruled that the proposed new clause was not in order.

Mr. Higgs having handed in, in writing, an objection to the ruling, moved, That the ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Leckie
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Considine		Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Finlayson		Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Manifold
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Page	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
		Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sinclair
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jensen	Mr. Fowler
		Mr. Lamond	Mr. Greene

And so it was negatived.

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Question proposed—That the Title be the Title of the Bill.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Leckie	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Higgs	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Manifold	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Mathews	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Page	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Laird Smith		
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Greene		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Rodgers		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That the Title be the Title of the Bill—

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Leckie	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Finlayson	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Manifold	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Mathews	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Page	Mr. Fenton
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Greene	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Boyd		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Rodgers		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

Sir John Forrest moved (see page 97 *ante*), That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Finlayson	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Laird Smith		
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Greene		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Rodgers		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was accordingly put and was passed.—  
Bill read a third time.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7.

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5. DAYLIGHT SAVING REPEAL BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Hughes 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.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.  
Mr. Hughes 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.  
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, after debate, the Bill was read a third time.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1917).—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 23rd ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works during the Second Session of the Seventh Parliament of the Commonwealth*," 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 Wednesday next.

7. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1917).—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 23rd ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Appointment of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts during the Second Session of the Seventh Parliament of the Commonwealth*," 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 Wednesday next.

8. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
British Trade Corporation—Copy of the Petition of Promoters, the Deed of Settlement, and the Royal Charter of Incorporation.—(Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua—Infirm and Destitute Natives Account—Statement of the Transactions of the Trustees, 1916-17.

Public Service Act—Department of the Treasury—Promotions of—

F. Pogson.

T. P. Walsh.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past five 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—  
Lieut.-Col. Abbott<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Chapman\*, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald\*, Mr. McGrath<sup>a</sup>, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Salmon\*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

<sup>(a)</sup> Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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