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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND MAY, 1918.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The War

Conference—Report of the Proceedings of the Conference convened by His Excellency the Governor-General on the subject of the securing of Reinforcements under the Voluntary System for the Australian Imperial Force now serving abroad (held at Federal Government House, Melbourne, April, 1918).

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

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Brennan 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 compulsory deportation of Italians resident in Australia for compulsory military service overseas."

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. Brennan moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Watt, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Considine	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton

Noes, 30.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sampson
Lord Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Story
Mr. Lamond	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

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4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1918).—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—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.
6. LANDS ACQUISITION (DEFENCE) BILL.—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.
The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Higgs	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Riley
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Jensen			
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
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 debated and agreed to.
Clause 2 debated.
Question—That the Clause be agreed to—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Riley
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. West
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Schedule amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of all the words after the word "plan" in the penultimate line of the Schedule, and by the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"catalogued Ms. 4767.SY Roll in the Department of Lands of the State of New South Wales."

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Committee's Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past eleven 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—Lieut.-Col. Abbott^a, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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