

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 3RD MAY, 1918.

1. The House met at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Blakeley 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 price-fixing of rabbits and rabbit skins." 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. Blakeley moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2 debated.

Mr. Watt moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Clauses 3 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 23 agreed to.

Clause 24 debated and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, amended by the omission of the word "two" (line 27), and the insertion of the word "three" in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 25 agreed to.

Clause 26 debated and agreed to.

Clause 27 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 28 to 31 agreed to.

Clause 32 debated—

Mr. Charlton moved as an amendment, That sub-clause (3.) be omitted from the clause.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Glynn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to 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^{*a}, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Burchell^{*a}, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming^{*a}, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Brigadier-General Ryrrie^{*a}, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Yates^{*a}.

* On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.