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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH MAY, 1918.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN SECURITIES REPURCHASE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 62.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the repurchase of War Loan Securities.

Melbourne, May, 1918.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, with complaints submitted by the Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association—
 - Further variation (dated 28th March, 1918), and other documents, in connexion with application to vary, made by the Public Service Commissioner.
 - Further variation (dated 28th March, 1918), and other documents, in connexion with application to vary, made by the Association.
 - Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 106.
 - Public Service Act—Promotions of—A. W. E. Fewster, B. K. McDonald, C. R. Burdeu, Department of the Treasury.
 - Railways Act—By-law No. 4.
4. 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 32—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That sub-clause "(3.)" be omitted from the clause.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand as printed—put.

8th May, 1918.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 27. | |
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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Lamond |
| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Palmer |
| Sir Robert Best | Mr. Pigott |
| Mr. Boyd | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Chapman | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Watt |
| Mr. Fowler | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Greene | |
| Mr. Gregory | |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. Jowett | |
| Mr. Kelly | |

*Tellers:*Mr. Story
Mr. John Thomson

| Noes, 13. | |
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| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Wallace |
| Mr. Finlayson | |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Lynch | |
| Mr. W. Maloney | |
| Mr. Nicholls | |

*Tellers:*Mr. Considine
Mr. Mahony

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 33 and 34 agreed to.

Clause 35 debated.

Mr. Higgs moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause "52B" be omitted from the clause.

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 27. | |
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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Palmer |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Pigott |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Poynton |
| Sir Robert Best | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Boyd | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. Chapman | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Watt |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Greene | |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. Jowett | |
| Mr. Lamond | |
| Mr. Lynch | |

*Tellers:*Mr. Story
Mr. John Thomson

| Noes, 12. | |
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| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Wallace |
| Mr. Considine | Mr. West |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Mahony | |
| Mr. W. Maloney | |
| Mr. Nicholls | |

*Tellers:*Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Finlayson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 36, 37, and 38 agreed to.

Clause 39 debated—

Mr. West moved, as an amendment, That the words "for each month or part thereof during which the failure or neglect to furnish the return continues" (lines 43-45) be omitted from the clause.

Amendment negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "after such person has been notified by the Commissioner" be inserted after the word "continues" (line 45).

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 14. | |
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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Wallace |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. West |
| Mr. Finlayson | |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Mahony | |
| Mr. W. Maloney | |

*Tellers:*Mr. Charlton
Mr. Considine

| Noes, 25. | |
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| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Palmer |
| Sir Robert Best | Mr. Pigott |
| Mr. Boyd | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Chapman | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Watt |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. Jowett | |
| Mr. Lamond | |
| Mr. Lynch | |
| Mr. Mackay | |

*Tellers:*Mr. Story
Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

8th May, 1918.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

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| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Palmer |
| Sir Robert Best | Mr. Pigott |
| Mr. Boyd | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Chapman | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Watt |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. Jowett | |
| Mr. Lamond | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lynch | Mr. Story |
| Mr. Mackay | Mr. John Thomson |

Noes, 13.

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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Wallace |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. West |
| Mr. Considine | |
| Mr. Finlayson | |
| Mr. Higgs | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Brennan |
| Mr. Nicholls | Mr. Mahony |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 40—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs (b) and (c) be omitted from the clause. Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Charlton moved, That paragraph (b) be omitted from the clause.

Debate continued.

Question—That paragraph (b) stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Palmer |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Pigott |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Boyd | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Watt |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Gregory | |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. Jowett | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Kelly | Mr. Story |
| Mr. Mackay | Mr. John Thomson |

Noes, 16.

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| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Chapman | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. Finlayson | Mr. Wallace |
| Mr. Higgs | Mr. West |
| Mr. Lamond | |
| Mr. Lynch | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Mahony | Mr. Brennan |
| Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Considine |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Higgs moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (c) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.

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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Palmer |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Pigott |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Watt |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Jowett | |
| Mr. Lamond | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lynch | Mr. Story |
| Mr. Mackay | Mr. John Thomson |

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| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Wallace |
| Mr. Considine | Mr. West |
| Mr. Finlayson | |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Kelly | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Charlton |
| Mr. Nicholls | Mr. Mahony |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

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.

8th May, 1918.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott^(a), Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell^(a), Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming^(a), Lord Forrest, Mr. Heitmann,^(a) Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McGrath^(a), Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie^(a), Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates^(a).

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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