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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 10TH MAY, 1918.

1. The House met at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
 Report, Minutes of Evidence, and Plans relating to the proposed Breakwaters, Excavations, Quaywalls, &c., for Henderson Naval Base.
 Ordered that the Paper be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 The War—
 Return showing the *personnel*, functions, and occupations of the members of commercial and other Boards, Pools, Committees, &c., operating under Commonwealth Government control.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4, 5, and 7.
5. LOANS SINKING FUND BILL.—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. 47—
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide a Sinking Fund for Loans and for other purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages (up to the second reading of the Bill) to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Webster do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Watt 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.

Mr. Watt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Higgs moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned.—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

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6. INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (1918).—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. 46—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1915*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages (up to the second reading of the Bill) to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Webster do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Watt 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.

Mr. Watt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Higgs moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

7. WAR LOAN SECURITIES REPURCHASE BILL.—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. 62—

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That it is expedient 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.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages (up to the second reading of the Bill) to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Webster do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Watt 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.

Mr. Watt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Higgs moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

8. 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 41—

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

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "an amount which is not lawfully allowable, or" (lines 38 and 39) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 42 to 45 agreed to.

Clause 46 debated and agreed to.

Clause 47 agreed to.

Clause 48 postponed.

Postponed Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Glynn, after debate, the clause was amended as follows:—

Sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (e) was omitted from the clause;

The words “or animals or land sold” were inserted after the word “supplied” (line 11) in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (e);

The words “animals or land” were inserted after the word “commodities” (line 12) in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (e);

The following paragraph was inserted after paragraph (e):—

“(ee) by inserting in the definition of ‘Income from personal exertion’ after the word ‘derived’ the words ‘from sources’”;

The following paragraph was inserted after paragraph (f):—

“(ff) by inserting in the definition of ‘Income from property’ after the words ‘all income derived’ the words ‘from sources’”;

The following paragraph was inserted after paragraph (g):—

“and (h) by inserting at the end thereof the following definition:—

“‘Value,’ in relation to live stock, means the value as prescribed.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Clause 48—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Glynn moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the words “Principal Act” (line 13) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

“made by paragraphs (e) and (h) of section two, section five, paragraph (d) of section eight, and paragraph (b) of section ten of this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the date of the commencement of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1915*.”

(2.) The amendments of the Principal Act made by paragraph (d) of section six and by section eleven shall apply to assessments for the financial year beginning on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and all subsequent years.

(3.) The amendments of the Principal Act made by paragraphs (c), (d), (f), and (g) of section two, paragraphs (a), and (b) of section six, section seven, paragraphs (a), (e), and (f) of section eight, paragraph (a) of section ten, and by sections fourteen to twenty-three (both inclusive), and by section thirty-four shall apply to assessments for the financial year beginning on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and all subsequent years.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clause —

Mr. Glynn moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill, to follow clause 43:—

“43A. After section sixty-one of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

“61A. A prosecution in respect of an offence against either of the two last preceding sections may be commenced at any time within three years after the commission of the offence.”

Question—put and passed.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Committee’s Report be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

10. LANDS ACQUISITION (DEFENCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Glynn 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.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story		
Mr. Mackay	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Java and the East Indies, Singapore and the Straits Settlements—Trade, Development, Shipping Facilities for Australian Produce, &c.—Report of the Commissioner (Senator the Honorable J. J. Long).

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

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

And then the House, at seventeen 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—Lieut.-Col. Abbott^a, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^a, Lord Forrest, Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page*, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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