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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH 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.—APPLE BOUNTY 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. 63.

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 revenue and money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Evaporated Apples from the Commonwealth.

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 Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine—Half-yearly Reports from 1st January to 30th June, and from 1st July to 31st December, 1917.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Proclamation Prohibiting Exportation of Empty Glass Bottles (except under certain conditions)—Dated 1st May, 1918.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 107.

Northern Territory Ordinance of 1918—No. 2—Crown Lands.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 108.

4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1918).—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 Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 12, 14, and 48.

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That clause 8 be added to the clauses to be recommitted. Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. West	Mr. Chapman	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gregory		Mr. Corser	Mr. Spence
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Mahony	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Jensen.	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story
		Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Livingston	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 12, 14, and 48—put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Recommitted clause 12—

Mr. Glynn moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the first line of the clause be omitted and that the following words be inserted in place thereof:—

“inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph:—

“(b) as an alternative to the deduction allowable by the last preceding paragraph, there shall, at the option of the taxpayer, be deducted so much of the income of the financial year as is appropriated for development (the cost of which is not deductible under section eighteen of this Act) and for new plant:

Provided that any of the money so appropriated which has not been expended for that purpose at the end of the year in which it was appropriated shall be liable to tax as income of that year.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Recommitted clause 14—

Mr. Jowett moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (d):—

“(d) By inserting in paragraph (e) of sub-section (1.) thereof after the word ‘any’ (first occurring) the words ‘buildings, fences, telephones, yards, water improvements.’”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Sinclair moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (d):—

“(d) By inserting in paragraph (e) of sub-section (1.) thereof after the word ‘any’ (first occurring) the word ‘buildings.’”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 7.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Bamford		Mr. Archibald	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Chapman		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Finlayson		Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lynch		Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Sinclair		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Considine	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Tudor
<i>Tellers:</i>		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jowett		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Pigott		Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Jensen	
		Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Mahony	Mr. Story
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Pigott moved, as an amendment, That the words "of not less than Twenty pounds" (line 14) be omitted from sub-paragraph (h) of paragraph (f).

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn (i.) (lines 14-17) was omitted from sub-paragraph (h) of paragraph (f).

Mr. Pigott moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (f):

"(f) by omitting from paragraph (k) of subsection (1) thereof the words 'twenty-six' and inserting in their stead the word 'fifty' and omitting from that paragraph the word 'sixteen' and inserting in its stead the word 'eighteen'."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Higgs		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spence
Mr. Jowett		Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Jensen	Mr. Wise
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Mathews		Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lynch	Mr. Story
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Rodgers, for Sir Robert Best, moved, as an amendment, That the following be inserted after the word "effected" (page 9, line 3)—

"and
(o) All interest actually paid by the taxpayer in the year immediately preceding the year of assessment upon money borrowed and actually used or invested in Australia."

Debate ensued.

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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1917'*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th May, 1918.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

6. DEFENCE BILL (1918).—Mr. Wise moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five 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.-Colonel Abbott^a, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^a, Lord Forrest, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lister, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page*, Mr. Riley, 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.