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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY LANDS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 64.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Lands required for the purposes of the Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 16th May, 1918.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR LOAN BILL (1918) [£80,000,000].—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. 65.

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 authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Eighty million pounds for War purposes.

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 the next sitting.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

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

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th May, 1918.

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5. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1918).—Mr. Groom 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.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Award (dated 26th April, 1918) of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with a plaint submitted by the Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1917, respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.
Immigration Act—Return for 1917 showing—(a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth; (b) Persons who passed the dictation test; (c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test; (d) Departures of colored persons from the Commonwealth.
Ordered—That the two last-mentioned Papers be printed.
7. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1918). The Order of the Day having been read for the further reconsideration 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.)

Re-committed clause 14—

Debate resumed upon the further amendment moved on behalf of Sir Robert Best, That the following be inserted after the word "effected" (page 9, line 3):—

"and
(e) 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."

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Re-committed clause 48—

Debated and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

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.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House adopted the Reports.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

8. LOANS SINKING FUND 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 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.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. INSCRIBED STOCK 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—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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10. WAR LOAN SECURITIES REPURCHASE 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 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.)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom 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.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

11. LOANS SINKING FUND BILL.—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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom 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.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

12. INSCRIBED STOCK 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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom 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.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

13. DEFENCE BILL (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Wise moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Tudor 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 to-morrow.

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

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to 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. Burchell^{*a}, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^{*a},
Mr. Fowler, 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.