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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MAY, 1918

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (FLINDERS DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 12th April last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Flinders, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honorable Sir William Hill Irvine, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Stanley Melbourne Bruce had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Stanley Melbourne Bruce, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Commonwealth Winter Butter Pool 1917.—Statement of Profit and Loss.
Rabbit Skins Trust Fund—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 7th June, 1917, to 19th February, 1918.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Thirteenth Report on the Public Service (1916-17) by the Acting Commissioner.
Ordered to be printed.
5. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1915-16.—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.)

Schedule further debated, and agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House, after debate, adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been suspended previously—see page 193 *ante*) the Bill was read a third time.

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6. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1915-16.—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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
Schedule debated and agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been suspended previously—see page 193 *ante*) the Bill was read a third time.

7. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1916-17.—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 1 agreed to.
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been suspended previously—see page 193 *ante*) the Bill was read a third time.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1916-17.—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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the House, after debate, adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been suspended previously—see page 193 *ante*) the Bill was read a third time.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That Orders of the Day Nos. 5, 6, and 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8, Government Business.

10. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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 agreed to.
Clause 2 debated—
Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment, That the words "member of the Executive Council" (line 10) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "Assistant Minister" in place thereof.
Amendment negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Charlton 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.

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11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.

12. WAR LOAN BILL (1918) [£80,000,000].—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Watt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word "That":—

"this House condemns the action of the Government in enlisting for service abroad youths of eighteen years who have not obtained the consent of their parents."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Nicholls 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.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 46.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to enable the Commonwealth to acquire certain Lands for Defence purposes*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne 22nd May, 1918.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manifold^{*}, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. Page^{*}, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Rynie^{*a}, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Yates^{*a}.

^{*} On leave.

^(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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