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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH MAY, 1918

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Tudor presented a Petition from certain persons resident in Australia opposed to the deportation of Italians and others, in reference to the deportation of Italians resident in Australia, for military service overseas, and praying that no such deportations may take place, but that such persons may be allowed to naturalize themselves if they so desire, and to continue as good citizens of our country.  
Petition received and read.
3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—STANDING ORDER NO. 29A (PRAYERS).—Mr. Watt (for Mr. Speaker, Chairman) brought up a Report from the Standing Orders Committee, recommending an amendment of Standing Order No. 29A (Prayers).  
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

## REPORT.

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders has the honour to report to your honorable House as follows:—

- I. The Committee recommends to the House of Representatives that the initial Prayer read at the opening of the House be amended so as to read as follows:—

Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing upon this Parliament. Direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory, and the true welfare of the people of Australia.

- II. The Committee further recommends that, during the continuance of the War, the following additional Prayer be read before the Lord's Prayer:—

Strengthen, O Lord, the sailors and soldiers of our Commonwealth, our Empire, and our Allies; protect them from all dangers; give them speedy victory over their enemies; and grant that an honorable and a lasting peace may result from their valour and their sacrifices.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,  
Chairman.

Ordered, by leave—That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Watt moved, That the Report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

[*Lands Acquisition (Defence) Bill*].—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 66.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Commonwealth to acquire certain Lands for Defence purposes*," 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,  
28th May, 1918.

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[Loans Sinking Fund Bill]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 67.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide a Sinking Fund for Loans and for other purposes*," 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,  
28th May, 1918.

[Inscribed Stock Bill (1918)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 68.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1915'*," 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,  
28th May, 1918.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1916'*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 29th May, 1918.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 110, 113, 114, 115, 117, 119-125.

Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1918—No. 8.—Liquor (No. 2).

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

R. W. Soutar, Department of Trade and Customs.

F. R. Sinclair, A. B. Cooney, H. L. Ferns, Department of Defence.

7. PRIVILEGE—CENSORSHIP OF MEMBERS' CORRESPONDENCE.—Mr. Considine raised a question of Privilege, and concluded by moving:—

"1. That, in the opinion of this House, the privileges of honorable Members are being unnecessarily interfered with by the introduction of Military Censorship over their correspondence.

2. That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Gregory, Boyd, Lynch, Catts, Higgs, and the Mover, be appointed to take evidence and inquire into, and report to the House on, the whole question of the Censorship of Members' correspondence."

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Lynch	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton

Tellers:

Noes, 28.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Orchard
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Spence
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story
Mr. Livingston	Mr. John Thomson

Tellers:

And so it was negatived.

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8. WAR LOAN BILL (1918) [£80,000,000].—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 2—

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added at the end of the clause :—  
“ Provided that no further flotation shall take place until it has been ascertained by proclamation or other effective means what amount of money is obtainable for war purposes free of interest.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Considine	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Brennan
Mr. Mathews	Mr. J. H. Catts

Noes, 26.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spence
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise
Mr. Livingston	
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Brennan moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added at the end of the clause :—“ Provided that War purposes shall not include the acquisition or retention by the Commonwealth of additional territory.”

Mr. Brennan addressing the Committee—

Mr. Groom moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Livingston	
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 9.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Brennan	
Mr. J. H. Catts	
Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Mathews

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—was accordingly put, and was negatived.

Question—That clause 3 be agreed to—proposed.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton	Mr. J. H. Catts	
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Story
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story		[These Tellers voted with
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster		the "Ayes."]
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Livingston			
Mr. Lynch			
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. R. W. Foster		
Mr. Orchard	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That clause 3 be agreed to—

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton	Mr. J. H. Catts	
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Lynch
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Story
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence	Mr. Mathews	[These Tellers voted with
Mr. Greene	Mr. Story		the "Ayes."]
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Pigott		
Mr. Mackay	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. McWilliams			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Title be the Title of the Bill—proposed.

Mr. Brennan proceeding to address the Committee—

Mr. Groom moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton	Mr. J. H. Catts	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Considine	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Story
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story		[These Tellers voted with
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster		the "Ayes."]
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Livingston			
Mr. Lynch			
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Atkinson		
Mr. Orchard	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That the Title be the Title of the Bill—

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton	Mr. J. H. Catts	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Considine	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Story
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story		[These Tellers voted with
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster		the "Ayes."]
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Livingston			
Mr. Lynch			
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Atkinson		
Mr. Orchard	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton	Mr. J. H. Catts	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Considine	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Story
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story		[These Tellers voted
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster		with the "Ayes."]
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Livingston			
Mr. Lynch			
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Atkinson		
Mr. Orchard	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Mr. J. H. Catts proceeding to address the House—

Mr. Groom moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 30TH MAY, 1918.

The House proceeded to divide, but no Members consenting to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared the Question resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That the Report be now adopted—

The House proceeded to divide, but no Members consenting to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared the Question resolved in the affirmative.

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.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Palmer	Mr. J. H. Catts	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Gregory
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Story
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence	Mr. Mathews	[These Tellers voted with
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Story		the "Ayes."]
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Livingston			
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Pigott		
Mr. Mackay	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. J. H. Catts proceeding to address the House—

Mr. Groom moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The House proceeded to divide, but no Members consenting to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr.

Speaker declared the Question resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That the Bill be now read a third time—

The House proceeded to divide, but no Members consenting to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr.

Speaker declared the Question resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

9. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT-OUT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Laird Smith called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at twenty-six minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned the House until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Anstey<sup>\*</sup>, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Burchell<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fleming<sup>\*a</sup>, Lord Forrest, Mr. Heitmann<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Manifold<sup>\*</sup>, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Page<sup>\*</sup>, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Yates<sup>\*a</sup>.

<sup>\*</sup> On leave.

<sup>(a)</sup> Joined Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*