

1917-18.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1918.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Royal Australian Naval College—Report for 1917.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1918).—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 58.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 58—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE
HAS AGREED WITH AMENDMENTS.

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 6, lines 44-47, omit paragraph (iii), insert—

“ (iii) to the mothers of deceased or incapacitated Australian soldiers—

(a) who are widows and were, prior to the enlistment of those soldiers, dependent upon them, or

(b) whose husbands are so incapacitated as to be unable to contribute materially to their support.”

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

At end of paragraph (iii) add the following new paragraph :—

“ and (iv) the incapacitated fathers of deceased or incapacitated Australian soldiers who were, prior to the enlistment of those soldiers, dependent upon them.”

No. 3.—Page 3, clause 9, line 14, after “ Act ” insert—

“ or to any relative or person not specified in paragraphs (b), (c), or (d) of section twenty-two of this Act who was dependent upon any deceased or discharged sailor or soldier prior to his enlistment ”.

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

Line 2, leave out “ discharged sailor or ”, and insert “ incapacitated Australian ” in lieu thereof.

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No. 6.—Page 5, clause 17, lines 36–39, omit paragraph (iii), insert—

“(iii) to the mothers of deceased or incapacitated Australian soldiers—

(a) who are widows and were, prior to the enlistment of those soldiers, dependent upon them, or

(b) whose husbands are so incapacitated as to be unable to contribute materially to their support.”

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

At end of paragraph (iii) add the following new paragraph :—

“and (iv) the incapacitated fathers of deceased or incapacitated Australian soldiers who were, prior to the enlistment of those soldiers, dependent upon them.”

Amendment of the Senate to Amendment No. 2 agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the amendment made by the Senate to Amendment No. 3 was, after debate, agreed to with the following amendment :—

Omit “incapacitated”, insert “discharged”.

Amendment of the Senate to Amendment No. 6 agreed to after debate.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

4. DEFENCE 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. Higgs, proposing to move, in accordance with notice given by Mr. Tudor—That it be an instruction to the Committee to insert a clause to the effect that sons of nineteen years shall not be enlisted for active service abroad without the consent of their parents first obtained—

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was out of order on the ground that such a motion could not be moved by a Member other than the Member who had given Notice of the proposed Instruction.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 amended, on the motion of Mr. Wise, by the omission (page 2, line 1) of the word “the”, second occurring.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 amended, on the motion of Mr. Wise, by the omission of paragraph (a) and by the insertion of the following paragraph in place thereof :—

“(a) if voluntarily enlisted or appointed—upon the expiration of the period for which he engaged ;”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8 agreed to.

New clauses —

Mr. Higgs moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill to stand as clause 9 :—

Sons of nineteen years shall not be enlisted for active service abroad without the consent of their parents first obtained.

Proposed new clause ruled out of order as being outside the scope of the Bill.

Mr. W. Maloney moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill to stand as clause 9 :—

Notwithstanding anything contained in section 8 or any War Precautions regulations, this Act shall not apply to any one enlisting under the age of twenty-one years.

Proposed new clause ruled out of order as being outside the scope of the Bill.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Wise 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. Wise, the House adopted the Report.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Considine
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Higgs
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Palmer	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Brennan
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Laird Smith	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Spence	
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt	
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webstor	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise	
Mr. Groom		
Mr. Jensen		
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Atkinson	
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story	

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1918-19.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th June, 1918, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1917-18.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th June, 1918, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

7. DEFENCE (CIVIL EMPLOYMENT) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Wise 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.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Wise 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. Wise, the Bill was read a third time.

8. APPLE BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 63—

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

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the following motion of Mr. Jensen—That it is expedient 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.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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Mr. Jensen 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.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Jensen, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Jensen 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. Jensen 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Sinclair moved, as an amendment, That the words "the export from Australia of" be omitted and that the words "or sold in Australia prior to the 31st of July, 1919" be inserted after the word "grown" (line 12).

Proposed amendment ruled out of order on the ground that the amendment went beyond the appropriation recommended for the Bill.

Mr. Higgs moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (2.)—

"and before the bounty is paid the grower shall sign with his own signature a receipt therefor".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Higgs moved, as an amendment, That the words "or factory in which they were evaporated or in which they have undergone any process" (lines 24–25), be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 9 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. Jensen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day Nos. 5, 6, and 7 be postponed until after the consideration of the Notice of Motion, Government Business.
10. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HOUSING WORKMEN, LITHGOW.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1914*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report thereon, viz., Scheme of housing workmen and others engaged in connexion with the Commonwealth factories at Lithgow, New South Wales.
Mr. Groom having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
11. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The War—Supplementary Return showing Persons of Enemy Birth and Enemy Descent employed in the Department of Defence.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three p.m. on a date to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which day of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.

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14. 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. 62.

The Senate has agreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives upon the amendment of the Senate in Amendment No. 3 of the House of Representatives in the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1917'."

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th June, 1918.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1917'."

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Melbourne, 15th June, 1918.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPLE BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Evaporated Apples from the Commonwealth," to which it has agreed without amendment.

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Melbourne, 15th June, 1918.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until three o'clock p.m., on a day to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as fixed by resolution of the House this day.

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. Charlton, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming^a, Lord Forrest, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manifold^{*}, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Page, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Rylie^a, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkins, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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