

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 98.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 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. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.**—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
 Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Arsenal Railway [Tuggeranong].  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Awards of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with complaints submitted by—  
 The Australian Postal Electricians' Union—Further Variation (dated 9th October, 1918).  
 The Australian Postal Electricians' Union—Further Variation (dated 16th October, 1918).  
 The Australian Telegraph and Telephone Construction and Maintenance Union—Further Variation (dated 16th October, 1918).
4. **ELECTORAL 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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 6—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Gregory, viz. :—That the words "be appointed for a period of seven years and shall" be inserted after the word "shall" (line 20).

Amendment negatived.

Clause further debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 17 and 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated.

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph

(e) :—

"(f) In the case of any Division adjacent to Federal Territory, the practicability of including such Territory in the Division."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Chapman		Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Considine		Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Finlayson		Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Sampson	Mr. Page	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Jowett	
		Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story
		Mr. Lister	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Mr. Lamond moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (e) be omitted from the clause.

Question—That paragraph (e) stand part of the clause—put and passed.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 20 and 21 agreed to.

Clause 22 debated and agreed to.

Clause 23 debated and agreed to.

Clause 24 debated—

Mr. Considine moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 33 agreed to.

Clause 34 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 35 to 38 agreed to.

Clause 39—

Mr. Finlayson moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted to follow paragraph (b):—

“(c) every member of the forces, according to the definition of such in the *Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1917.*”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 40 and 41 agreed to.

Clause 42—

Mr. Glynn moved, as an amendment, That the word “of” (second occurring) (line 4 of page 11) be omitted and that the word “from” be inserted in place thereof.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Mr. Sampson moved, as a further amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause:—

“(4.) It shall be obligatory on the part of every person enrolled as an elector under the provisions of this Act to vote at any election for the Division for which such elector is enrolled unless debarred from voting through circumstances beyond his control, which must be reported to the Divisional Returning Officer and be satisfactory to the Chief Electoral Officer.

Penalty: For a first offence, Ten shillings; and for every subsequent offence, Two pounds.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Considine		Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Finlayson		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Boyd	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Mathews	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bruce	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Sampson	Mr. Page	Mr. Chapman	Mr. Orchard
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Kelly	Mr. Story
		Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Blakeley moved, as a further amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause :—  
 “ Provided that no person shall be proceeded against under this section unless he has been given at least twenty-one days’ notice by the Registrar.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 43 and 44 agreed to.

Clause 45 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the insertion of the word “ before ” after the word “ and ” (line 18).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 46 agreed to.

Clause 47 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 48 to 51 agreed to.

Clause 52 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 53 to 57 agreed to.

Clause 58 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word “ an ” (line 31) and the insertion of the word “ the ” in place thereof, and by the omission of the word “ public ” (line 20 of page 16) and the insertion of the word “ proper ” in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 59 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word “ on ” (line 29) and the insertion of the word “ in ” in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 60 to 69 agreed to.

Clause 70 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lister	Mr. Story
Mr. Livingston	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 12.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 71 and 72 agreed to.

Clause 73—

Mr. Bamford moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (c) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Bamford	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Considine	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Page

Noes, 29.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pigott
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Groom	Mr. Watt
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Webster
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Wise
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

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Clause agreed to.

Clauses 74 to 80 agreed to.

Clause 81 debated—

Mr. Sinclair moved, as an amendment, That the words "to his personal representatives" at the end of the clause be omitted.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 82 agreed to.

Clause 83—

Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment, That the words "they shall forthwith be declared to be elected and the writ returned" (lines 8 and 9) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"The nominations shall be declared null and void and fresh nominations shall be called for in the same manner as if a vacancy had been created as from the date of the death of the deceased candidate."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause further debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Considine	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Corser	Mr. Watt	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Webster	Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise	Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Greene		Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom		Mr. Leckie	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Lister	Mr. Page
Mr. Lynch			
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Story		
Mr. Orchard	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 84 agreed to.

Clause 85—

Mr. Tudor, for Mr. Charlton, moved, as an amendment, That all the words of the clause after the words "An elector who" (line 18) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"by reason of illness or infirmity believes that he will be unable to attend at the polling place at any time during the hours of polling, may make application by post to the returning officer of the division in which the applicant is enrolled for a vote after the issue of the writ for the election, and within seven days preceding the day of the election. The returning officer, on a day previous to the election, and after the day for receiving applications has expired, shall instruct the presiding officer appointed at the nearest polling place to call at the address of the applicant, and who shall, if satisfied that the claimant is entitled to vote under the provisions of this section, supply a ballot-paper to the elector, who, in the presence of the officer, but so that the officer cannot see the vote, shall mark the ballot-paper in the prescribed manner, and shall fold and secure the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen. The ballot-paper shall then be placed in a sealed ballot-box in the presence of the presiding officer, and shall be opened and counted at the scrutiny at the close of the ballot."

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and passed.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 86 agreed to.

Clause 87—

Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment, That the words after "Penalty:" (line 51), at the end of the sub-clause, be omitted, and that the words "Imprisonment for six months" be inserted in place thereof.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

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

"(d) he has satisfied himself that the elector is unable to have his application witnessed and his vote recorded before a Commonwealth Divisional Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, or Commonwealth Electoral Registrar."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment, That the words after "Penalty:" (line 51), at the end of the sub-clause, be omitted, and that the words "Imprisonment for six months" be inserted in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

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Mr. Glynn moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause:—

“(3.) An authorized witness shall not persuade or induce, or associate himself with any person in persuading or inducing, any person to make application for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper.

Penalty: Twenty-five pounds.”

Mr. Lamond moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of the words “Twenty-five pounds” and by the insertion of the words “Fifty pounds, or imprisonment for one month.”

Amendment upon proposed amendment agreed to.

Proposed amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 88 to 95 agreed to.

Clause 96 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the words “he is” (line 37).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 97 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, after debate, by the omission of the word “the” (line 9) and the insertion of the words “in the case of any candidate his” in place thereof, and by the omission of the words “of a candidate” (line 10).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 98 debated and agreed to.

Clause 99 agreed to.

Clause 100 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 101 to 109 agreed to.

Clause 110 amended by the omission of the word “the” (last occurring in line 18) and insertion of the words “assistant presiding officers,” in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 111—

Mr. Sinclair moved, as an amendment, That the word “eight” (lines 29 and 31) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word “six.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 112 agreed to.

Clause 113 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the words “claims to be” (lines 20 and 21) and the insertion of the words “declares that he is” in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 114 to 121 agreed to.

Clause 122 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word “Register” (line 6 of page 31) and the insertion of the word “Registrar” in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 123 agreed to.

Clauses 124 to 129 postponed.

Clause 130 agreed to.

Clause 131.

Mr. Tudor, for Mr. Blakeley, moved, as an amendment, That the words “who shall be paid by the Commonwealth” be inserted after the word “scrutineer” (line 20).

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 132 and 133 agreed to.

Clause 134 postponed.

Clause 135 agreed to.

Clauses 136 and 137 postponed, after debate.

Clauses 138 to 141 agreed to.

Clause 142 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word “the” (second occurring in line 26).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 143 to 152 agreed to.

Clauses 153 and 154 postponed.

Clauses 155 to 163 agreed to.

Clauses 164 and 165 postponed.

Clauses 166 to 176 agreed to.

Clause 177 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the insertion of the words “(proof whereof shall lie upon him)” after the word “authority” (line 3 of page 50).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 178 to 219 agreed to.

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## Clause 220—

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause:—"Provided that no new Regulation shall be issued after the issue of the writ."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

## Schedule—

Forms A and B agreed to.

Form C amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word "its" in the Note and the insertion of the word "their" in place thereof.

Form, as amended, agreed to.

Form D amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word "for" after the words "election of a Member" and the insertion of the word "of" in place thereof, and by the omission of the word "its" in the Note and the insertion of the word "their" in place thereof.

Form, as amended, agreed to.

Forms E and F postponed, after debate.

Form G agreed to.

*Suspension of Sitting—*

At half-past four o'clock a.m. the Chairman left the Chair until eleven o'clock a.m.

*Resumption of Sitting—*

At eleven o'clock a.m. the Chairman resumed the Chair.

## Postponed clause 124—

Mr. Jowett moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (b) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following paragraph in place thereof:—

"(b) where his ballot-paper is a ballot-paper in accordance with Form E in the Schedule—he shall vote for the full number of candidates to be elected by placing consecutive numbers commencing from the number 1 in the squares opposite their names, and he may in addition place in the squares opposite the names of any other candidates numbers following consecutively after the greatest number placed by him in a square opposite the name of a candidate for whom he votes."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Spence
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 12.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mahony
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. McGrath

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Postponed clause 125 debated and agreed to.

Postponed clauses 126, 127, and 128 agreed to.

Postponed clause 129 debated and agreed to.

Postponed clause 134 debated—

Mr. Lamond moved, as an amendment, That the words "for all the remaining candidates" (line 14) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "to the third place" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At three o'clock p.m. the Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage of the Bill had expired.

Mr. Glynn moved, The time in accordance with the order of the House in connexion with the Committee stage of the Bill having elapsed, that the remaining clauses of the Bill, as amended by the printed and circulated amendments of the Government, and the remaining Forms of the Schedule, &c., be agreed to as a whole.

Question—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Page
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Mathews	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Palmer		
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Pigott		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Kelly			
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lister	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The printed and circulated amendments of the Government were accordingly made in the Bill and are as follows :—

Page 38, clause 137, lines 11 and 12, omit "otherwise no Divisional Returning Officer shall vote at any election" insert "except as provided in this sub-section he shall not vote at the election".

Page 43, clause 154, line 19, omit "the" insert "any".

Page 46, clause 165, line 15, omit "for" (second occurring) insert "of".

Bill to be reported with 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.

Debate ensued.

At four o'clock p.m. the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That the Report be adopted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Mahony	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott		
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Leckie			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Mahony	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott		
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson		

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—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. 78.

The following Bills, intituled:—

“An Act to amend the ‘Entertainments Tax Act 1916’,” and  
“An Act to amend the ‘Excise Act 1901’,”

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 Acts.

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Melbourne, 7th November, 1918.

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

And then the House, at six minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Burchell\*(a), Mr. J. H. Catts, Sir Joseph Cook\*,  
Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming\*(a), Mr. Heitmann\*(a), Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes\*,  
Mr. Jensen, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Brigadier-General Ryrie\*(a), Mr. Bruce Smith,  
Mr. Wallace(a), Mr. West, and Mr. Yates\*(a).

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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