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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **THE WAR: MESSAGE FROM THE KING—REPLY TO ADDRESS.**—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General a communication transmitting a Message from His Majesty the King, in reply to the Address agreed to by the House on Wednesday last, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

The Governor-General transmits herewith, for the information of the honorable Members of the House of Representatives, copy of a cablegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying a Message from His Majesty the King acknowledging the receipt of an Address to His Majesty which was agreed to by the House of Representatives on the 13th instant.

Federal Government House,
Melbourne, 18th November, 1918.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Decode of Cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 15th November, 1918.

I have laid your telegram of the 13th November before His Majesty the King, who commands me to convey to the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth his deep appreciation of their message of loyalty and devotion and of congratulation on the victorious termination of hostilities. In this hour of joy and thanksgiving His Majesty desires to express his sincere gratitude to the Government of the Commonwealth, which has so staunchly supported the Empire throughout these anxious years; to the people of Australia who, conscious of the menace to all civilization, have borne with steadfast determination the long burden of a distant war; and not least to the brave sailors and soldiers of Australia who, by their imperishable deeds, have won for themselves undying fame in assisting to bring our enemies to defeat. And especially in this hour His Majesty bears in mind the relatives of those Australian heroes who in Gallipoli and many hard-fought fields laid down their lives in the common cause. Those glorious dead the Empire will not forget, and it is His Majesty's earnest conviction that their sacrifice has not been in vain, but that in dying they have helped to win for the free nations of the earth a peace and ordered security which shall live.

3. **PETITION.**—Mr. Mathews presented a Petition from citizens of the Northern Territory praying that an elective body of such citizens be appointed to report on the administration of affairs in the Territory, and that representation in the Commonwealth Parliament may be given to the citizens of the Territory.
Petition received.
4. **JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**—Mr. John Thomson, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Expenditure on Premises in the Capital Cities owned and rented by the Commonwealth for office accommodation.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The War—(Papers presented to the British Parliament)—
Agricultural Policy Sub-Committee—Ministry of Reconstruction—
Report.
Summaries of Evidence.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Proclamations Prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
Cheese (dated 6th November, 1918).

Cinematograph Films to Nauru (dated 6th November, 1918).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Port Pirie, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

6. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Watt, viz. :—That a tax be imposed on income derived from sources in Australia at the following amounts and rates, namely :—(See pages 337-9 ante).

Motion agreed to.

Resolution 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. Mr. Poynton 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 Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Poynton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the Resolution.

7. INCOME TAX BILL (1918).—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Watt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Watt the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Watt :—That, in addition to the land tax payable under the provisions of the *Land Tax Act 1910-14*, there be imposed an additional land tax equal to twenty per centum of the amount of land tax payable under those provisions (see page 345 ante).

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 35.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Considine	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	Mr. West
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Livingston	
Mr. Lynch	
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story
Mr. Mahony	Mr. John Thomson

Mr. Bruce
Mr. Jowett
Mr. Pigott
Mr. Rodgers

Tellers:

Mr. Gregory
Mr. Leckie

Tellers:

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Watt 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 Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

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

9. LAND TAX BILL (1918).—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1910-1914'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Watt 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell*(a), Mr. J. H. Catts, Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Fleming*(a), Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie*(a), Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace(a), Mr. Webster, and Mr. Yates*(a).

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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