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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 116.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. John Thomson, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Commonwealth Finance—(a) Credit Balances ; (b) Method of Departmental Payments.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. WAR PRECAUTIONS 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 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the word "six" (line 25) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "three" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Kelly moved, as an amendment, That after the word "the" (first occurring in line 24) the words "word 'operation' the words 'until the 31st of July, 1919'" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Fowler	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Lynch	
Mr. Mahony	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page

*Tellers:*

Noes, 30.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Considine	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Leckie	

*Tellers:*Mr. Story  
Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the word "six" (line 25) be omitted and that the word "three" be inserted in place thereof.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added after the word "thereafter" (line 25):—"or until the thirty-first day of July One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, whichever period is the longer,"

Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the word "longer" be omitted from the proposed amendment with a view to the insertion of the word "shorter" in place thereof.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story
Mr. Lister	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 15.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words proposed (by Mr. Groom) to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 36.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 15.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

“(2.) The period during which the Principal Act continues in operation by virtue of sub-section (1.) of this section is in this Act referred to as ‘the extended period during which the Principal Act remains in force.’”

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 16.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Considine	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. J. H. Catts
	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Clause 3—

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the words "for a period of six months after the termination of the present state of war" be omitted and that the following words be inserted in place thereof "during the extended period during which the Principal Act remains in force".

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the words "six months after the termination of the present state of war" be omitted and that the following words be inserted in place thereof "the extended period during which the Principal Act remains in force".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 15.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Page
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the word "therein" (line 10) be omitted and that the following words be inserted in place thereof "in such regulation, order, proclamation or provision".

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Preamble debated and agreed to.

Title debated and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Mr. Groom 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. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 9.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Brennan	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Charlton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Corser	Mr. Spence		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Mackay			

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

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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 :—

[*Beer Excise Bill* (1918)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 84.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Beer Excise Act 1901-1912'*," 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.

Sydney, 11th December, 1918.

[*Amendments Incorporation Bill* (1918)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 85.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Amendments Incorporation Act 1905'*," 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.

Sydney, 11th December, 1918.

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

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Burchell\*(a), Sir Joseph Cook\*, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner,  
Mr. Fleming\*(a), Mr. Heitmann\*(a), Mr. Hughes\*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mathews,  
Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Rodgers, Brigadier-General Rylie\*(a), and Mr. Yates\*(a).

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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