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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 150.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1919.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE LATE RIGHT HONORABLE GENERAL BOTHA, P.C.—VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia expresses its sorrow at the loss which has befallen the British Empire in general, and the Union of South Africa in particular, by the death of the Right Honorable the Prime Minister of the Union, General Louis Botha, patriot, soldier, statesman, and Empire builder, and extends its sympathy to the people of the sister Dominion.
Mr. Tudor seconded the motion.
All members present having risen in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the resolution and a copy of the speeches delivered thereon to Mrs. Botha and to the Government of the Union of South Africa.
3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 10th September next.
Question—put and passed.
4. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Brennan proposed as a question of privilege to refer to the suspension, yesterday, from the service of the House of the honorable Member for Barrier (Mr. Considine).
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that discussion of the subject could not be allowed as the matter was one of order and not one of privilege, and that the proceedings in the House could not subsequently be commented upon.
5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 180.
6. CUSTOMS BILL (1919).—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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

 (In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 5 to 8 agreed to.
 Clause 9—

Mr. Falkiner moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word "Clearance" (line 16) :—

"and such Clearance shall be granted unless the ship ^{and} the master ^{and} the owner has
 or ^{or} violated the law of the Commonwealth."

Debate ensued.
 Amendment put and negatived.

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Mr. Boyd moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (3.) be omitted from the clause.
Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Lister	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corboy	Mr. West	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Falkiner		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fleming	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Riley	Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Leckie	
		Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lynch	Mr. Story
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Mathews	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated.

Mr. Boyd moved, as an amendment, That the words "but not being in any case less than the actual money price shown in the genuine invoice" (lines 38 and 39) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 8.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Riley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Brennan	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Anstey
Mr. Corboy	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Gregory
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Leckie	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Story		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Lynch			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 12—Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, that the following words be inserted after the word "section" (line 12):—"such value to be made public by the Comptroller-General."

Progress to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 102.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to certain Commercial Activities carried on by the Commonwealth in time of War," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 29th August, 1919.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Returns showing Prosecutions under the War Precautions Act and Regulations, and under the Unlawful Associations Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 10th September next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Corser, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls*, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Major-General Ryrie*(a), Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.