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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 168.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McGrath rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The proposed gratuities to returned soldiers and sailors." Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. McGrath moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Economies—First Progress Report of the Royal Commission appointed to consider and report upon the Public Expenditure of the Commonwealth with a view to effecting Economies.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. ADDITIONAL DAY OF MEETING.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1919).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 106.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1919.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL (1919).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the method of voting by members of the Forces at elections and referendums, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Groom brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
7. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1919).—Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918*.
Question—put and passed.

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8. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1919).—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.)

Clauses 1 to 7 agreed to.
 Clause 8 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 9 to 21 agreed to.
 Clause 22 debated and agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Glynn 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. Glynn, the Bill was read a third time.

9. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (EXPEDITIONARY FORCES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom 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, after debate, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Groom 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. Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

10. DECEASED SOLDIERS' ESTATES BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Wise 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. 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.

11. SUGAR INDUSTRY COMMISSION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Greene 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, after debate, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Greene 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. Greene, the Bill was read a third time.

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12. NAVIGATION BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Greene 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, after debate, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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

13. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Greene 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. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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

14. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Greene 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. Greene, the House adopted the Report.

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

15. TASMANIAN LOAN REDEMPTION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—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.

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

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

And then the House, at twelve minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday 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. Atkinson, Mr. Bamford, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann^{*(a)}, Mr. Hill, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Rogers, Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie^{*(a)}, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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