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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 169.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE LATE HONORABLE ALFRED DEAKIN.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had received the following communication from Miss Deakin :—

“Llanarth,”
20th October, 1919.

DEAR MR. JOHNSON,

On behalf of my mother and the family allow me to assure you of our very real appreciation for the generous tributes paid to my dear father's memory in the House of Representatives on 7th October, also for the kind thought which prompted the sending of the copies of the Resolution.

We thank you sincerely for your personal expression of sympathy in our time of sorrow.

I remain, Dear Mr. Johnson,
Ever yours sincerely,
VERA DEAKIN.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—
Audit Act—Special Report of the Auditor-General on Amendment of the Audit Act and Position and Status of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Economies Commission—Postmaster-General's Review and Remarks on Commission's First Progress Report in so far as the Postal Department is concerned.
Naval Defence—Report of Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., on Naval Mission to the Commonwealth (May–August, 1919).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Tasmanian Mail Contracts—Existing Agreements.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with complaints submitted by the—
Commonwealth Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association of Australia—Dated 23rd September, 1919.

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4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill* (1919)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 104.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend Sections Twenty-four and Twenty-six of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908-1917.

Government House,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1919.

[*Loans Securities Bill*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 105.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue of Securities in relation to Loans and for other purposes in connexion therewith.

Melbourne, 21st October, 1919.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Messages in Committee of the whole House be made Orders of the Day for a later hour this day.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 be suspended for the remainder of the Session.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6. ELECTORAL BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hill moved, as an amendment, That after the word "That" the following words be inserted :—
"the method of election for the Senate should be by means of Proportional Representation".

Debate continued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Yates.
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Mathews

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Mr. Archibald	Mr. Leckie
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Watt
Mr. Corser	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wise
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
Mr. Lamond	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 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.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAURU ISLAND AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve the agreement made between His Majesty's Government in London, His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, and His Majesty's Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, in relation to the Island of Nauru,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (1919).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 108.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LAND TAX BILL (1919).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1918,'*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL (1919).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Entertainments Tax Act 1916-1918,'*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos 2 and 3, Government Business.

12. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL (1919).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to ratify an Agreement for the variation of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance of the Northern Territory, and to amend the *Northern Territory Acceptance Act 1910*.

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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONTROL BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to certain Legal Proceedings.

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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

And then the House, at four 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. Bamford, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Considine, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Heitmann*^(a), Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Riley, Mr. Rodgers, Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie*^(a), Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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