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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
 

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No. 16.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO, AND SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER, No. 241.—  
Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That, to-morrow, Government Business take precedence of General Business, and that Standing Order No. 241 be suspended for the day in order to enable the War Gratuity Bill to be further considered without delay.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Elections and Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Election, 1919; the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1919; and the submission to the Electors of Proposed Laws for the alteration of the Constitution, entitled (1) *Constitution Alteration (Legislative Powers)* 1919; (2) *Constitution Alteration (Nationalization of Monopolies)* 1919; together with Summaries of Elections and Referendums, 1903–1919.  
Elections, 1919—Statistical Returns showing the Voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election, 1919, and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1919, viz. :—  
New South Wales.  
Queensland.  
South Australia.  
Tasmania.  
Victoria.  
Western Australia.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
Income Tax—Royal Commission [Imperial]—Sixth Instalment of the Minutes of Evidence, with Appendices. (Paper presented to the British Parliament).  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 43.

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5. WAR GRATUITY BILL.—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 2—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That lines 1-5, on page 2, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story

Noes, 17.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Mathews	Mr. West

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraphs be added to the clause:—

“ ‘Munition worker’ means a person who embarked for service abroad from the Commonwealth between the 4th August, 1914, and the 28th June, 1919, for the manufacture and supply of munitions and war provisions.”

“ ‘War Worker’ means a person retained by the Commonwealth Defence Department for war service occupation abroad.”

Question—That the paragraphs proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Considine	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. James Page

Noes, 33.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the words “(other than a member of the Auxiliary Service)” (lines 26 and 27) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

*Chairman's Ruling.*—A Point of Order having been raised, the Chairman ruled that the proposed amendment was out of order, as it involved an increase of the expenditure recommended for the purposes of the Bill.

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the words “in a sea-going ship” (line 28) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Amendment ruled out of order.

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Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (b) be omitted from the clause.  
Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lavelle
Mr. Bell	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Brennan
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. James Page		
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Riley		
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryan		
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Greene	Mr. West		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. Kerby	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Mathews moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause:—

“(dd) All members of the mercantile marine serving in the war zone or engaged in the transport of troops, foodstuffs, or munitions, or other commodities for war purposes.”

Amendment ruled out of order.

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause:—

“(g) Munition workers and war workers.”

Amendment ruled out of order.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Marr moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause:—

“Provided that in the case of a person specified in paragraph (e) (ii) of that sub-section, who died while in camp, the rate of war gratuity payable shall be one shilling and sixpence per diem.”

Amendment ruled out of order.

Clause debated and agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the words “in cash” be inserted after the word “made” in sub-clause 2 (line 10 of page 4).

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Makin	Mr. James Page	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gibson	
		Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story
		Mr. Jowett	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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Clause 6—

Mr. Catts moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs (b) to (g) inclusive be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following paragraph in place thereof:—

“(b) a person who has, in the opinion of the prescribed authority, committed an offence against military discipline impairing the efficiency of the army or has been guilty of desertion in the face of the enemy, or who has committed an offence against the civil law.”

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. West
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gabb	
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. James Page	Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the words “shall not be claimable or recoverable by any person as a matter of right, but” (lines 19 and 20) 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, 32.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Kerby	Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. James Page
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 10, 11 and 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Maloney moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (a):—“(aa) The *de facto* widow of a deceased member of the Forces.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. J. H. Catts moved, as an amendment, That the words “or who has lost an eye or a limb” be added to paragraph (d).

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Bell	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Gabb		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Makin	Mr. James Page	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Bell moved, as an amendment, That the words "since the date of his discharge" be omitted from paragraph (e).

Debate ensued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Kerby	Mr. Bell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Greene		Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. James Page
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. J. H. Catts moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted in the clause to follow paragraph (f) :—

"(g) Any person who is entitled to a gratuity under this Bill and is unemployed."

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Makin	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. James Page	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived

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Mr. Nicholls moved, That Progress be now reported and leave asked to sit again.

Question—put and negatived.

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

“(6.) Any person entitled to a war gratuity may give to the Treasurer or other prescribed authority written authority to deduct from the amount of the gratuity such a sum as such person shall desire to contribute to the capital of any co-operative company or society of members of the Australian Imperial Forces and their next of kin and dependants with or without approved patriotic workers and payment of the amount so authorized to be deducted from the gratuity shall be made in cash to such persons as the prescribed authority shall nominate to receive the same.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 14—

Mr. J. H. Catts moved, as an amendment, That the words “or as collateral security by the associated Banks of Australia” be added at the end of the clause.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Fenton		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers :</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Makin	Mr. James Page	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
		Mr. Hughes	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 15—

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

“Provided that nothing contained herein shall prevent the holder of any bond from selling such bond for its face value.”

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Makin	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. James Page	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
		Mr. Hughes	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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Clause 16—

Mr. Hughes moved the following amendment :—Lines 11–13, omit all words after the word “The” (first occurring), and insert “amount of—

(a) any war gratuity, or

(b) any interest paid or payable to any person in pursuance of section thirteen of this Act, shall not be liable to income tax under any law of the Commonwealth or a State, and shall not be deemed to be income for the purposes of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908–1919* or the *War Pensions Act 1914–1916.*”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fenton moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the addition of the following proviso :—

“Provided that interest on gratuity bonds held by any person not being a returned soldier or his dependants shall be subject to income tax.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Considine	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. James Page	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the amendment moved by Mr. Hughes be agreed to—put and passed.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18—

Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause :—

“Provided that the prescribed authority hereinbefore mentioned shall include not less than two returned soldiers’ and sailors’ representatives who shall be selected by the members of the returned soldiers’ and sailors’ organizations of the Commonwealth.”

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Fenton	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Makin	Mr. James Page	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. W. Maloney		Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
		Mr. Hughes	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

*New Clauses—*

Mr. Hughes moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“15A.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything in the last preceding section, any member of the Forces may lodge, or may authorize the Treasurer on his behalf to lodge, with any approved company, as security for any sum payable by him in respect of any shares in that company, any Treasury bonds issued to him in pursuance of this Act; and may authorize the Treasurer on his behalf to pay to any approved company, by way of payment in respect of any shares in that company, any money payable to him in cash in pursuance of this Act.”

Investment  
in approved  
companies.

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(2.) Subject to the Regulations, the company may lodge with any bank or financial institution approved by the Minister, as security for an advance to the company, any bonds so lodged with the company.

(3.) In the event of the company making default in the conditions under which it so lodged any bonds, the bank or financial institution may obtain from the Treasurer negotiable bonds in lieu thereof.

(4.) In this section "approved company" means a company—

(a) formed for the purpose of the development of primary or secondary production in the Commonwealth, or for the purpose of trading;

(b) incorporated in the Commonwealth;

(c) approved by the Minister; and

(d) the articles of association of which provide that no person other than a member of the Forces as defined in this Act is eligible to become a shareholder."

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. J. H. Catts moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"15AA.—(1.) The prescribed authority shall compile a schedule of corporate bodies and persons who have undertaken to pay cash to an employee who enlisted from their service in exchange for their gratuity bonds.

(2.) Any such corporate bodies and persons shall accept such gratuity bonds and provide a cash equivalent to an employee who enlisted from their service.

(3.) Any corporate body or person included in the schedule mentioned in sub-section (1.) failing to comply with sub-section (2.) shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Makin	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. James Page	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
		Mr. Hughes	

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Ryan moved, That the Bill be recommitted for the re-consideration of clauses 2, 3, and 4.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lavelle		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Makin	Mr. J. H. Catts	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. James Page	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 31 ante), the House adopted the Report and, after debate, the Bill was read a third time.



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6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commercial Activities Act—Sugar Regulations—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 54.
7. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING (EASTER ADJOURNMENT).—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday, 14th April.  
Question—put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past six o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Wednesday, 14th April, at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton\*, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston\*, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watt\*, and Mr. Wienholt.

\* On leave.

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