

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1920.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1920).—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 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the words "A duly authenticated organization, recognised or acknowledged by the Minister as being a body representing" (lines 22 and 23) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "A ballot shall be taken of" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Mahon moved, as an amendment, That the words "A duly authenticated" (line 22) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "Any" in place thereof, and that the words "recognised or acknowledged by the Minister as being a body" (lines 22 and 23) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Mr. Groom moved, as a further amendment, That the words "that list" (line 28) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "any list so submitted" in place thereof.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as further amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. Rodgers moved, as an amendment, That the word "five" (line 4) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "three" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the words "or as are prescribed" (lines 15 and 16) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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.

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3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. James Page, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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