

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Government Business which it was proposed should be transacted before the adjournment of the House consequent upon the visit to Australia of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Mr. Tudor, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CASE OF EX-GUNNER YATES.—Sir Granville Ryrie, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a Committee of Inquiry which the Government proposed to appoint for the purpose of investigating the case of ex-Gunner Yates (formerly Member for Adelaide).
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. W. Maloney 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 necessity of assisting the returned soldiers and sailors in obtaining a full supply of good yarn from the Government or other mills in order to make the Anzac hand-weaving industry a success".
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. W. Maloney moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. W. Maloney, not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, was given leave to continue his speech for five minutes.
Sir Granville Ryrie, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, was given leave to continue his speech for five minutes.
Debate continued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at—
Goulburn, New South Wales (3).
Launceston, Tasmania.
Mayfield, New South Wales.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion, Government Business.
7. AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL (1920).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice given by Sir Joseph Cook, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Notes Act 1910-1914*.
Question—put and passed.
8. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1920).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *High Court Procedure Act 1915*, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
9. WAR PRECAUTIONS (COAL) REGULATIONS BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to continue in force for a limited time the War Precautions (Coal) Regulations.
Question—put and passed.
10. NAVIGATION BILL (1920).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Greene, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act 1912-1919*.
Question—put and passed.

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11. INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Greene, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Commonwealth Institute of Science and Industry.
Question—put and passed.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered, That Notice of Motion No. 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business.
13. OIL AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to ratify an agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited.
Question—put and passed.
14. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1920).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Patents, Trade Marks and Designs.
Question—put and passed.
15. WAR GRATUITY BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 3, clause 4, line 22, after " person " insert " or any bounty paid or payable by that Government upon the re-engagement of that person in the Imperial Forces."
- No. 2.—Page 3, clause 4, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—
" (5.) From the total amount payable, in pursuance of this section, in respect of the service of any person who was transferred from the Commonwealth Naval or Military Forces to the Imperial Forces or the Indian Army, there shall be deducted the amount of any war gratuity paid or payable by the Imperial Government or the Indian Government to or in respect of the service of that person."
- No. 3.—Page 6, clause 7, after " deducted," in line 15, leave out the remainder of the clause, and insert—
" (a) any amount due to the Commonwealth by the person to whom, or in respect of whose service, the gratuity is payable, where the indebtedness of that person to the Commonwealth was caused by fraud, deception or misappropriation on his part; or
(b) any amount due to the Minister for Repatriation or the Repatriation Commission by the person to whom, or in respect of whose service, the gratuity is payable, where that person has improperly disposed of property belonging to the Minister for Repatriation or the Repatriation Commission, or property over which the Minister for Repatriation or the Repatriation Commission holds security."
- No. 4.—Page 7, after clause 13, insert the following new clause :—
" 13A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, no gratuity shall be payable where the total amount is less than One pound. Minimum amount of gratuity payable."
- No. 5.—Page 8, clause 14, line 1, leave out " the last preceding ", and in line 2, after " section ", insert " thirteen of this Act ".
- No. 6.—Page 8, clause 16, leave out the clause, and insert the following new clause :—
" 16.—(1.) Any person to whom a war gratuity is payable under this Act may— Investment in approved companies.
(a) authorize the Treasurer to issue to, and in the name of, any approved company the whole or part of the Treasury Bonds issuable to him in pursuance of this Act;
(b) transfer to any approved company any Treasury Bonds issued to him in pursuance of this Act; and
(c) authorize the Treasurer on his behalf to pay to any approved company any money payable in cash to him in pursuance of this Act.
(2.) Subject to the regulations, any approved company may lodge with or transfer to any bank or financial institution approved by the Treasurer any Treasury Bonds issued or transferred to that company pursuant to sub-section (1.) of this section as security for any advance made by the bank or financial institution to the company.
(3.) 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; and
(c) approved by the Minister."

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Senate's Amendments be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

16. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MOBILIZATION AND VEHICLE STORES AT SEYMOUR.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report thereon, viz.:—Mobilization and Vehicle Stores at Seymour, Victoria, with necessary railway connexion, water supply, &c. Mr. Groom having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
18. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE CANTEN FUNDS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Granville Ryrie moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Bowden moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
19. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Granville Ryrie moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bayley, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Watt*, and Mr. Wise.

* On leave.

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