

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## No. 25.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 30TH APRIL, 1920.

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. Tudor 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 desirability of all native born and naturalized Australian citizens who were interned knowing the charges on which they were interned, so that they may have an opportunity of disproving such charges; and the necessity of having an inquiry into the treatment of internees and the administration of internment camps".  
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. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
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.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1917-18 AND 1918-19.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 4.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

27th April, 1920.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

27th April, 1920.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 6.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

29th April, 1920.

30th April, 1920.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

29th April, 1920.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1920).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

24th April, 1920.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 9.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

24th April, 1920.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Passports*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 30th April, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

Mr. Poynton 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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE CANTEENS FUNDS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for An Act to make provision for the administration and disposal of the Funds of Australian Imperial Force Canteens, and for other purposes*."

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 30th April, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—IMMIGRATION BILL (1920).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Immigration Act 1901-1912'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 30th April, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

Mr. Poynton 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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

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10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine—Yearly Report from 1st January to 31st December, 1919.

Papua—Annual Report for year 1918-19.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

11. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1920)—[SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 7].—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 7—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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 4.—Page 3, clause 10, line 4, omit "five" and insert "three".

No. 30.—Page 14, after clause 47, insert the following clause, 47A :—

" 47A.—The Commission shall, subject to the approval of the Minister, <sup>Establishment of industries.</sup> have power to assist soldiers in establishing industries on a co-operative basis, such industries to include the manufacture of boots, woollen goods, and clothing, tanning, wool-scouring, fellmongering (and kindred industries), sawmilling, and other enterprises."

*Reasons of the Senate for Disagreeing to certain Amendments of the House of Representatives.*

As to Amendment No. 4.—Because the term of three years is calculated to restrict the Government's choice in the matter of appointments to the Commission, and that, furthermore, it is not sufficiently long to secure continuity in administration and a desirable independence of action on the part of the Commissioners.

As to Amendment No. 30.—Because it is not considered equitable to extend to collective bodies of soldiers benefits for which individual soldiers might not be eligible.

Because the effect of the granting of the benefits contemplated by the amendment would result in the unsettlement of the large majority of men whose re-establishment in civil life has been already accomplished.

Because grave financial loss to the Government and disappointment to bodies of men may result from the starting of enterprises which may not prove successful.

Because if it is desirable to promote enterprises by means of Government advances, the proposals should be the subject of special legislation, in which provision would be made for the creation of the proper machinery to give effect to such policy.

Mr. Poynton moved, That Amendment No. 4 be not insisted on.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McWilliams moved, as an amendment, That the word "months" be inserted after the word "three" in the Amendment.

Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Hill	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Makin	Mr. West
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. James Page

Noes, 44.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Considine	Mr. Parker Moloney
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Ryan
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Rylie
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That Amendment No. 4 be not insisted on—put and negatived.  
Mr. Poynton moved, That Amendment No. 30 be not insisted on.  
Debate ensued.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.

13. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—APPOINTMENT OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes :—That in accordance with the provisions of the Committee of Public Accounts Act, the following Members be appointed Members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz. :—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. West.

Question—put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past 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—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bamford, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton\*, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Greene, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watt\*.

\* On leave.

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