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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH MAY, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Imperial Force—Correspondence with reference to the appointment of Mr. Keith Murdoch to report upon certain postal and cable arrangements and the disposition of the wounded in connexion with the A.I.F. in Egypt.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 15—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913*, and for other purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, was adopted by the House.

4. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. West moved, as an amendment, That the words "second or" (line 10 of page 2) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 9 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.

Sir Joseph Cook 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 Sir Joseph Cook, the Bill was read a third time.

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5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1920-21.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1920-21 a sum not exceeding £1,838,847.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.
8. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1920-21.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1920-21, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,838,847.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Joseph Cook and Mr. Wise do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1920-21.—Sir Joseph Cook then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—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 to 4 agreed to.

The Schedule :—

Mr. McWilliams moved, as an amendment, That the Vote—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT £4,780—be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. THE GREAT WAR—VOTE OF THANKS TO THE SEA, LAND, AND AIR FORCES, THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND OTHERS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Resolution of Thanks agreed to by the House on the 4th instant would be presented in the Queen's Hall at half-past seven o'clock this evening, and he would be glad if honorable Members would accompany him to present the Resolution.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

The following Bills, intituled:—

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1920,
War Pensions Appropriation Act 1920,
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920,
Supplementary Appropriation Act 1917-18,
Supplementary Appropriation Act 1918-19,
Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1917-18,
Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1918-19,
Sugar Purchase Act 1920,

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Federal Government House,
Melbourne, 19th May, 1920.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—OIL AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve the agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th May, 1920.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6.

14. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 17—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to an Allowance to Members of each House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hughes and Sir Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Hughes then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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The House continuing to sit until after twelve o'clock midnight—

FRIDAY, 21ST MAY, 1920.

Debate continued.

Question put—

The House divided—

Ayes, 45.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Makin	Mr. Bruce	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bayley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Marr	Mr. Francis	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Lister
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Hill	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Earle Page		
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. Hay	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. West		
Mr. Kerby	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Lamond			
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lazzarini			
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8 agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Lamond, after debate, the following new clause was added to the Bill:—

9. All moneys accruing due to any senator or member of the House of Representatives under this Act not claimed within three months of becoming due shall revert to the Treasury. Unclaimed allowances.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR GRATUITY BILL (1920) (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the War Gratuity Act 1920*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

Message No. 24.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th May, 1920.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR GRATUITY BILL (1920) (No. 2).—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. 19.

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 the Amendments requested by the Senate in Message No. 24 relating to a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Gratuity Act 1920*.

Melbourne, 20th May, 1920.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of the Amendments requested by the Senate in Message No. 24 relating to a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Gratuity Act 1920*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, was adopted by the House.

17. WAR GRATUITY BILL (1920) (No. 2).—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate—

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 requested by the Senate, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE WAR GRATUITY BILL (1920) (No. 2).

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, line 9, after "service" insert "or who is totally and permanently incapacitated as a result of such service".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, line 23, after "service" insert "or who is totally and permanently incapacitated as a result of such service".

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 5, line 28, after "service" insert "or who is totally and permanently incapacitated as a result of such service".

No. 4.—Page 2, clause 5, line 42, after "service" insert "or who is totally and permanently incapacitated as a result of such service".

No. 5.—Page 3, clause 5, line 5, after "service" insert "or who is totally and permanently incapacitated as a result of such service".

No. 6.—Page 3, clause 5, line 19, after "service" insert "or who is totally and permanently incapacitated as a result of such service".

Mr. Hughes moved, That the requested Amendments be made.

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.

Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1920).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913' and for other purposes," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th May, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1919–20.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*” to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th May, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1920–21.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one,*” to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th May, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

21. WAR LOAN BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—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 to 3 agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.
On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.
Sir Joseph Cook 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 Sir Joseph Cook, the Bill was read a third time.

22. SUSPENSION OF SITTING.—At twenty-seven minutes to four o'clock in the morning Mr. Speaker left the Chair until half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.
23. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At half-past two o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
24. THE GREAT WAR.—VOTE OF THANKS TO THE SEA, LAND, AND AIR FORCES, THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND OTHERS.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement :—
I have to inform the House that last evening, accompanied by honorable Members, I attended in the Queen's Hall and conveyed to representatives of the various branches of the Royal Australian Navy and of the Australian Imperial Force the Resolution agreed to by the House on the 4th May, according to the thanks of the House to the Sea, Land, and Air Forces, the Voluntary Workers of the Commonwealth, and others, for their heroic services in connexion with the Great War.
Copies of the Resolution were presented to Admiral Grant, General Sir Henry Chauvel, and General Sir John Monash, representing respectively the Australian Navy and the Australian Armies serving on the Eastern and Western fronts. The officers mentioned each made a reply expressing his deep gratitude and that of the troops and allied organizations for this recognition of their services and asked that their sincere appreciation of the Resolution be conveyed to the House of Representatives.
Sir Joseph Cook moved, That a record of the proceedings on the occasion of the presentation of the Resolution of thanks, and of the replies made by Admiral Grant, General Sir Henry Chauvel, and General Sir John Monash, be inserted in *Hansard*.
Question—put and passed.

25. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Northern Territory Administration—Report of the Royal Commission (Mr. Justice Ewing).
Late German New Guinea—Interim and Final Reports of Royal Commission.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Northern Territory Administration—Royal Commission.—Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

26. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Poynton, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Report of the Royal Commission on Northern Territory Administration.

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27. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR GRATUITY BILL (1920) (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ War Gratuity Act 1920’* ” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st May, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Twenty million pounds for War purposes,* ” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st May, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

29. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.

30. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three o'clock p.m., on a date to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which day of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Allowance to Members of each House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth,* ” to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st May, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

32. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 29th April, 1920) prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of Fruit (Fresh or Preserved), Fruit Pulp and Jam.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, Nos. 77, 79.

33. ADDRESS TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the following Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales :—

To His Royal Highness Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, Prince of Wales, Earl of Chester in the Peerage of England, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, and Baron of Renfrew, in the Peerage of Scotland, Lord of the Isles and Great Steward of Scotland, K.G., P.C., G.M.M.G., G.M.B.E., M.C.

May it please Your Royal Highness :

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, welcome Your Royal Highness with assurances of our devoted attachment to the person and Crown of our Most Gracious Sovereign.

We recall with pride the latest visit to Australia of His Majesty the King before his accession to the Throne, when he was graciously pleased to open in person the inaugural session of the Australian Parliament.

The abiding memories of that epochal event have proved a potent factor in strengthening the ties of kinship and affection which hold together the free nations of the British Empire in a union which war and danger only help to consolidate.

We therefore rejoice at the presence of Your Royal Highness, and we offer you a warm and loyal welcome, not only as Heir Apparent to the Throne and as our future Sovereign, but also as one who was hailed by our gallant Australian soldiers as a comrade on the field on which so many brave men fought and died in the sacred cause of freedom.

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We congratulate Your Royal Highness upon the spirit you displayed in the great war now happily ended, and we feel that we may indulge a becoming pride in the thought that the high sense of duty and responsibility by which Your Royal Highness was animated was shared to the full by Australia's sons and daughters, who by their valour and their sacrifices contributed a worthy part to the ultimate triumph of those principles which are the glory and the pride of the British name.

Your progress throughout the Commonwealth will afford Your Royal Highness an opportunity of observing the energy, enterprise and character of our people in the pursuit of the arts of peace.

We earnestly trust that your visit to our shores may be fraught with happiness and pleasure to Your Royal Highness, and that your mission to our people may be blessed with an abundant measure of success to the present and enduring advantage of Australia and the Empire.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolved—That honorable Members of the House assemble in the Parliamentary Library on the 27th instant at seven o'clock p.m., and that Mr. Speaker present the Address.

34. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ALTERATIONS, ETC., TO GENERAL POST OFFICE, ADELAIDE.—Mr. Wise moved, by leave, 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. :—Alterations and additions to the General Post Office, Adelaide.

Mr. Wise having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until three o'clock p.m., on a date to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House this day.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anstey, Mr. Chanter*, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Marks, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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