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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## No. 104.

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 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. PRIVILEGE MOTION AND MR. MAHON, M.P.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Statement with reference to an intimation which he stated had been sent to the honorable Member for Kalgoorlie (Mr. Mahon) in regard to a Privilege motion which he (Mr. Hughes) had proposed to proceed with to-day, and which, owing to Mr. Mahon being not then present, it was his intention to move to-morrow.  
Mr. Tudor, by leave, also made a statement in connexion with the matter.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Mahony 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, "To direct the attention of Parliament to the discontent existing amongst the Lower Deck ratings of the Australian Navy".  
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. Mahony moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Laird Smith, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech for a further fifteen minutes.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and negatived.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Customs Act—Proclamation prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Arms and Ammunition (dated 21st October, 1920).  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 208.
5. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, *and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Lazzarini, viz.:*—That all the words after "now" be omitted with a view to inserting in place thereof the words "withdrawn for the purpose of its recasting and immediate reintroduction with more comprehensive clauses to provide for the nationalization of banking in order—  
(a) to relieve the taxpayer of the heavy burden which will accrue from paying interest on future loans;  
(b) to provide credits to carry on Commonwealth and State undertakings;  
(c) to provide cash credits for rural industries in order to release primary producers from the grip of financial institutions;  
(d) to consolidate the National Debt and put it on a sound footing;  
(e) to make proper financial provision for the nation to honour its obligations in full to returned soldiers"—

Debate resumed.

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

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The House divided —

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Riley
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. James Page
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hay			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Sir Joseph Cook moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (1.) of 60b (line 46 of page 2) :—“ of whom one shall be an officer of the Commonwealth Treasury ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. James Page moved, as an amendment, That the words “ The Commonwealth or of ” (lines 17 and 18 of page 2) be omitted from 60a.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Brennan	Mr. James Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Fenton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hay			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, after debate, the following amendments were made in the clause :—

Page 2, clause 6, line 46, after “ Part ” insert “, of whom one shall be an officer of the Commonwealth Treasury ”.

Page 3, clause 6, line 41, omit “ be issued from the Commonwealth Bank ;”, insert “ be printed and issued by the Board from the Commonwealth Bank ;”.

Page 4, clause 6, lines 5-6, omit “ signatures of such officers of the Commonwealth Treasury as the Treasurer directs ”, insert “ signature of the Secretary to the Treasury or such other officer of the Commonwealth Treasury as the Treasurer directs, and the signature of the Chairman of Directors or such officer of the Note Issue Department as the Board directs ”.

Page 4, clause 6, line 15, omit “ other ”.

Page 4, clause 6, line 18, omit “ in the ordinary business of the Bank ”, insert “ in Trade Bills with a currency of not more than one hundred and twenty days ”.

Page 4, clause 6, lines 35-36, omit “ The Board shall not pledge any Australian notes or deposit them with any bank or person as security for money ”.

Page 5, clause 6, lines 12-26, omit "(1.) Every bank, other than the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, shall hold in the form of Australian notes an amount not less than twenty per centum of the deposits which it holds repayable at call or less than six months' notice, and ten per centum of deposits it holds repayable at six months' or longer notice." Banks to hold portion of deposit in Australian notes.

"(2.) Every such bank shall, as at the close of business on each Monday, render to the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia at Sydney a return in accordance with the prescribed form showing—

(a) The amount of deposit liabilities of every description of the Bank at that date and specifying—

- (i) the deposits at call or less than six months' notice ; and
- (ii) the deposits repayable at six months' or longer notice ; and "

insert "(1.) Every bank shall as at the close of business on each Monday render to the Chairman of Directors at Sydney a return in accordance with the prescribed form showing" Banks to furnish return of notes held.

Page 5, clause 6, line 32, insert after " Bank " the words " on deposit or " Clause, as amended, agreed to.

*New Clause—*

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

" 5A. After section sixteen of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

' 16A. Where an officer of the Commonwealth Public Service becomes an officer of the Bank he shall retain all his existing and accruing rights.' " Commonwealth officers transferred to Bank.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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.

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

6. ALIENS REGISTRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story

Noes, 13.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Considine	
Mr. Cunningham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	Mr. James Page
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West

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.)

Clause 1—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story

Noes, 12.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West
Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. James Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 2—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Lister	Mr. Story

Noes, 13.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West
Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. James Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 3 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gibson	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Hay	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Lister	Mr. Story

Noes, 13.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West
Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. James Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 4 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Gabb	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Gibson	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. James Page
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Hay	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hill			
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 5 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Cunningham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Gibson	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. James Page
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Hay	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hill			
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 6 debated—

Mr. Lavelle moved, as an amendment, That lines 19 to 24 be omitted from the clause.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Considine	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Cunningham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Gibson	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. James Page
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Hay	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hill			
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause further debated.

On the motion of Mr. Poynton, the clause was amended by the omission of the words "One hundred" (lines 25 and 34) and the insertion of the word "Fifty" in place thereof, and by the omission of the word "six" (lines 25 and 34) and the insertion of the word "three" in place thereof.

Mr. Maxwell moved, as a further amendment, That the words "the child, and" (lines 40 and 41) 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX BILL (1920).**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That, in addition to the land tax payable under the provisions of the *Land Tax Act 1910–1914*, there be imposed, for the financial year 1920–21, and each financial year thereafter, an additional land tax equal to twenty per centum of the amount of land tax payable under those provisions.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

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. Greene do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Joseph Cook then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Land Tax Act 1918, as amended by the Land Tax Act 1919 ' ;*" 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.

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.)*

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT—COUNT OUT.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Sir Joseph Cook called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned the House 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. Atkinson, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bell, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Corser, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

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