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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 162.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 12TH JULY, 1921.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Report of Royal Commission.
 - Ordered, after debate, That the Paper lie on the Table and be printed.
 - Pillaging of Ships' Cargoes—Report of Royal Commission.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 122.
3. TARIFF BOARD 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.
 - Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "now" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—
 - " withdrawn for the purpose of immediately re-casting and re-introducing so as to provide for—
 - (a) adequate guarantees for the primary producers and consumers generally that they can obtain locally manufactured articles or goods at reasonable prices ;
 - (b) the securing of proper wages and conditions for those employed in protected industries."
 - Debate continued.
 - Mr. Makin 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.
4. 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.
5. WAR SERVICE HOMES COMMISSIONER VALIDATING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Rodgers moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
 - Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

 (In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 amended, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers, by the insertion of the words "purporting to be, or to have been, made" after the word "Commissioner" (line 16), and clause agreed to, as amended.

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New Clause :—

On the motion of Mr. Rodgers, the following clause was added to the Bill to stand as clause 4 :—

New Clause.

Page 2, after clause 3, add the following new clause :—

“ 4. Notwithstanding anything contained in the *War Service Homes Act* 1918–1920 or in the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act* 1920, James Michael Semmens shall not, by reason only of his employment as Acting War Service Homes Commissioner, be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Repatriation Commission and shall not, by reason only of his employment as a member of the Repatriation Commission be deemed to have vacated his office as Acting War Service Homes Commissioner.”

Employment of
J. M. Semmens
as Acting War
Service Homes
Commissioner,
not to affect
office as
Repatriation
Commissioner
and *vice versa*.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Mr. Rodgers 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 Mr. Rodgers, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven 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. Anstey, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Considine, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson*, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Lister, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Poynton*, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riley, Mr. Tudor, Mr. West, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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