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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1922.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LAND TAX BILL (1922).—Mr. Bruce moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Land Tax Act* 1910-1918, and to repeal the *Land Tax Act* 1918, the *Land Tax Act* 1919, and the *Land Tax Act* 1920.
Question—put and passed.
3. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1922).—Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Lamond, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act* 1918-1920.
Question—put and passed.
4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1922).—Mr. Bruce moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of a tax upon Incomes.
Question—put and passed.
5. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL.—Sir Granville Ryrie moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Representation of the Northern Territory in the Parliament of the Commonwealth.
Question—put and passed.
Sir Granville Ryrie brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it 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 sitting.
6. CUSTOMS BILL (1922).—Mr. Rodgers moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act* 1901-1920.
Question—put and passed.
7. DEFENCE RETIREMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

 (In the Committee.)

Postponed clause 5 further considered—

Mr. Greene moved the following amendment:—

Page 2, lines 40-48, and page 3, lines 1-3, omit all words from and including the words "Provided that" to and including the words "the service of the member"; insert "Provided that the amount payable to any member or employee under this section shall be not less than the equivalent of six months' pay, and shall not exceed the equivalent of twelve months' pay plus pay for the unexpired period of the service of the member or employee".

Mr. Scullin moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by omitting the words "twelve months' pay plus" (line 4).

Debate ensued.

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Gabb	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Makin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Greenc			
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the amendment moved by Mr. Greene be agreed to—put and passed.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed clauses 6 and 7 omitted on the motion of Mr. Greene.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 3 in respect of certain proposed amendments.

Question—put and passed.

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

*(In the Committee.)**On recommital—*

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Greene, the following amendments were made :—

Page 1, line 19, after "member" insert "or employee".

Page 1, line 23, after "member" insert "or employee".

Page 2, line 8, after "State" insert "or under the Agreement contained in the *Naval Agreement Act 1903*".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Greene 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. Greene, the House adopted the Reports, and, after debate, the Bill was read a third time.

8. SUPPLY—[BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*Question again proposed (*see p. 79 ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—

The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee

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9. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1922) [£10,000,000].—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General's Message No. 12—
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. Bruce, after debate—That it is expedient 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.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Bruce and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Bruce 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General's Message No. 13—
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. Bruce—That it is expedient 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 the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Bruce and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Bruce 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Riley, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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