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No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met, at half-past three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Bayley, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
War Service Homes Disposals.
Ordered to be printed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 22.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1920’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
THOS. GIVENS,
President.
The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd August, 1923.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua Act—Infirm and Destitute Natives' Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees, 1922-23.
5. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1923).—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.)

Clause 5—

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to the clause :—

(b) by adding to sub-section (3.) thereof the following proviso :—

“ Provided that in the case of a company which has its head office located outside Australia it shall, where the total Australian assessable proportion of dividends and interest, including debenture interest paid to each absentee shareholder, depositor, or debenture holder exceeds seven hundred and twenty-one pounds, pay income tax on such total assessable sum at the rate the individual shareholder, depositor, or debenture holder would be required to pay if the head office of the company were located within Australia.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Charles McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Latham
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Corser	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lambert		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Makin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. Maloney		Mr. Groom	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Jackson	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Charlton, after debate, the following amendment was made :—Paragraph (a), omit the paragraph.

On the motion of Mr. Malcolm Cameron, the following further amendment was made :—Line 23, after “oil” add “or in any company carrying on afforestation”.

On the motion of Mr. Prowse, the following new paragraph was added to the clause :—

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act or this Act, there shall be deducted from the assessable income of a taxpayer for the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three all sums paid by the taxpayer during the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one in calls on shares in any company or syndicate prospecting for oil in the Commonwealth.

Special deduction from 1922-23 income for calls paid in oil company.

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

(d) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) thereof the word “Forty” and inserting in its stead the word “Fifty”.

Mr. Albert Green moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to the clause :—

(e) by adding the following new paragraph :—

(o) dividends received from gold mining companies and incomes of gold producers derived from gold production for a period of five years, from the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 debated—

Limitation of Debate.—At six o'clock p.m. the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann	Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Hunter	Mr. West
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lambert	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. William Watson	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Gregory		Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Groom		Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Makin
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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The further question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning	Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lambert	Mr. West
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Makin
Mr. Groom	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Hill			
Mr. Hunter	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Scullin moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of amending clause 8 so that the reduction of taxation provided therein shall apply only to those shipping companies that observe Australian conditions.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At a quarter past six o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Fenton	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Manning
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lambert		Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
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Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Yates	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the Bill was read a third time.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ADVANCES TO SETTLERS 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 provide for the Supply of Wire Netting to Settlers", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

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7. **AGREEMENTS VALIDATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
 Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Charlton 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 the next sitting.
8. **INCOME TAX COLLECTION BILL.**—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. 23—
 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. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Collection of Income Tax and for other purposes.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page 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 said Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

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

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

Mr. Charlton 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 the next sitting.

9. **TARIFF BOARD BILL (1923).**—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.)

Clause 3 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Rylie
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 22.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lambert	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 omitted.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 omitted.

Clause 9—

On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs), the following amendment was made :—Line 17, omit " seven ", insert " three ".

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 92 *ante*), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 21, Government Business.
11. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY (AIR DEFENCE BILL).**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration, in Committee, of the Air Defence Bill, was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), was discharged.
12. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SPECIAL ANNUITY BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 24.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 provide for the payment of an annuity to the widow of the late The Honorable Frank Gwynne Tudor.

Sydney,

12th July, 1923.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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. Bruce (Prime Minister), after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of an annuity to the widow of the late The Honorable Frank Gwynne Tudor.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Bruce and Mr. Earle Page 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.

Mr. Bruce 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

13. **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Bamford*, Mr. Donald Cameron*, Sir Neville Howse*, Mr. Lacey, and Mr. Maxwell.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE;

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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