

1914.

(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAR PENSIONS 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. Jensen—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the grant of Pensions upon the death or incapacity of Members of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth and Members of the Imperial Reserve Forces resident in Australia, whose death or incapacity results from their employment in connexion with warlike operations.

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. Jensen, was adopted by the House.

3. WAR PENSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Jensen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Joseph Cook 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 a later hour this day.
4. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1914).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Burns	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Carr	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Watt
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Webster
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Page

Noes, 21.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Patten
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stumm
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Livingstōn	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Greene

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Lines 10 to 18, omit paragraphs (a) (b) and (c) and insert the words “by omitting all words after the words ‘perpetual lease’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘or a lease with a right of purchase or a lease of land to be used for pastoral grazing or cultivation purposes or a homestead lease or a mining lease) shall not be liable to assessment or taxation in respect of the estate, and the owner of a leasehold estate under any such laws for a term not greater than one year certain shall not be so liable :

Provided that in the assessment of the unimproved value of a lease the value of any metals or minerals or other rights reserved to the Crown shall be excluded.’”

Clause, as amended, debated.

Question—That the clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Poynton	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Burns	Mr. Sharpe	Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence	Mr. Groom	
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Thomas	Sir William Irvine	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Webster	Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Greene
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Yates	Mr. Patten	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hannan			
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Catts		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Page		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 3 agreed to.

New Clauses—

Mr. Greene moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“2A. Sub-section (1.) of section forty-four of the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1912* is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘District Court of a State’ the words ‘or in cases where the assessment made by the Commissioner is less than Ten thousand pounds a Stipendiary or Police or Special Magistrate.’”

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Abbott moved, that the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“4. Section 44 of the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1912* is amended by adding to the end thereof the following sub-section—

“(4.) The owner of pastoral or agricultural lands may notify the Commissioner within the time and manner provided for appeals, that he desires the appeal shall be heard by arbitration and thereupon the appeal shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the laws relating to arbitration of the State in which the land is situated.’”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter 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.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

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

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mahon	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Sharpe	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Burns	Mr. Spence	Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Carr	Mr. Thomas	Sir William Irvine	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dankel	Mr. West	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Yates	Mr. Patten	Mr. Greene
Mr. Finlayson			
Mr. Fisher			
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Mathews		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Page		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1914).—
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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 15th December, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

[Supply Bill (No. 4) 1914-15]—

R. M. FERGUSON,

Governor-General.

Message No. 31.

A Bill intituled "*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 fifteen,*" 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 Act.

Government House,

Melbourne, 12th December, 1914.

[Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1914-15]—

R. M. FERGUSON,

Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

A Bill intituled "*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 fifteen and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding session of the Parliament for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" 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 Act.

Government House,

Melbourne, 12th December, 1914.

7. ESTATE DUTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher 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.)

Clause 1 read.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

8. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Hughes 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.)

Clause 1—

Mr. Joseph Cook moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—"and shall cease to operate on the 30th June, 1915."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Patten	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Burchell	Mr. Sharpe
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Stumm	Mr. Burns	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Groom		Mr. Dankel	Mr. Thomas
Sir William Irvine	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Greené	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Hannan	Mr. Yates
		Mr. Hughes	
		Mr. Jensen	
		Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Mahon	Mr. Mathews
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following amendment was made :—Omit sub-clause (2.) and insert the following new sub-clauses :—

“(2.) The Commissioner of Land Tax shall be the Commissioner.

(3.) The provisions of section five, sub-sections (2.) and (3.), and section six of the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910–1912*, shall apply in relation to the office of Commissioner under this Act as they apply in relation to the Office of Commissioner of Land Tax.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and omitted.

Clauses 6 to 9 omitted.

Clauses 10 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 debated—

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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LAND TAX BILL (1914).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Land Tax Act 1910’*,” and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Melbourne, 15th December, 1914.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith 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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE LAND TAX BILL (1914).

- No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, line 14, leave out “fifteen thousandth”, insert “eighteen thousand seven hundred and fiftieth”.
- No. 2.—Page 1, clause 2, line 16, leave out “fifteen thousandth”, insert “eighteen thousand seven hundred and fiftieth”.
- No. 3.—Page 2, clause 2, line 5, leave out “15,000”, insert “18,750”.
- No. 4.—Page 2, clause 3, line 13, leave out “one-fifteen thousandth”, insert “one eighteen thousand seven hundred and fiftieth”.
- No. 5.—Page 2, clause 3, line 15, leave out “One-fifteen thousandth”, insert “One eighteen thousand seven hundred and fiftieth”.
- No. 6.—Page 2, clause 3, line 22, leave out “15,000”, insert “18,750”.

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On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the Committee agreed to make the requested Amendments.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

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

10. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute 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. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jolley*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne*, Mr. Riley, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.