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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 23RD JULY, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read Prayers.
2. THE WAR—TREATMENT OF RETURNING SOLDIERS.—Mr. Page, by leave, made a statement to the House complaining of the manner in which the wounded soldiers who returned by the s.s. *Kyarra* were treated when travelling by train between Melbourne and Sydney.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR CENSUS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to War Census*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd July, 1915, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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 made by the Senate, which are as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 9, line 31, leave out "making".
- No. 2.—Page 2, clause 11, line 40, before "Any" insert "For the purposes of this Act".
- No. 3.—Page 3, clause 15, at end of clause add "Penalty for any offence under this section: Five pounds."
- No. 4.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 4, line 1, leave out "possess" and insert "own".
- No. 5.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 4, line 1, after "Motor Cycles" insert "or other Motor Vehicles".
- No. 6.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 4, line 2, leave out "possessed" and insert "owned".

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- No. 7.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 5, line 1, leave out “possess” and insert “own”.
- No. 8.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 6, line 1, after “property” (second occurring) insert “owned or”.
- No. 9.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 6, second column, leave out “Trust Account” and insert “Account of Other Persons”.
- No. 10.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 6, item (i.), leave out the item and insert the following new item:—
- “ (i.) (a) Unimproved Capital Value of Land ;
 (b) Value of all Improvements, including Houses and Buildings thereon ;
 (c) Unimproved Value of Leasehold Estate ;
 (d) Value of all Improvements, including “Houses and Buildings thereon”.
- No. 11.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 6, item (iv.), leave out “Partnership Interests”, and insert “Value of Share of Assets in Partnership as per last Balance-Sheet.”
- No. 12.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 6, item (vii.), after “Deposits” insert “Fixed or at Current Account”.
- No. 13.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 6, item (viii.), leave out “Money Lent” and insert “Debts due to me”.
- No. 14.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 7, line 2, leave out “30th June, 1915”, and insert “31st December, 1914”.
- No. 15.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 7, second column, leave out “Trust Account” and insert “Account of Other Persons”.
- No. 16.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 7, item (iv.), after “Pension” insert “(not being Commonwealth Old-age or Invalid Pension)”.
- No. 17.—Page 6, Second Schedule, paragraph 7, item (v.) (*of deductions*), after “Fund” insert “or Friendly Societies”.

Amendments Nos. 1 to 13 inclusive agreed to, after debate.

Mr. Pigott moved, That amendment No. 14 be disagreed with.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 15 to 17 inclusive agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Postmaster-General's Department—

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 75, 94.

5. LOAN [KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY] BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Archibald 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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Archibald moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Archibald the Bill was read a third time.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister's Department—

Liverpool Military Camp, New South Wales—Interim Report on, by His Honour Mr. Justice Rich.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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7. CORRECTION OF ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in the Division taken on Wednesday last the Tellers accidentally made an error. The name of Mr. West should have been included in the List of those Members who voted with the Noes, instead of the name of Mr. Watt.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR LOAN BILL (No. 1) (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of Twenty million pounds for War purposes*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd July, 1915.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of External Affairs—

Northern Territory—Report from the Administrator in regard to the Mining Industry.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Groom, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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