

1917.
(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Death and Invalidity in the Commonwealth—Committee concerning Causes of—Report on Maternal Mortality in Childbirth.
 Northern Territory—Memorandum by the Hon. P. McM. Glynn, Minister for Home and Territories.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 170, 173, 181.
 Northern Territory—Ordinances of 1917—
 No. 3.—Marriage.
 No. 4.—Acting Administrator.
 No. 5.—Education.
 War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 169, 171, 174.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 9.
4. STATES LOAN BILL (1917).—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. 16—
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of Moneys to be loaned to, and the advancing of Moneys to, certain States.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Sir John Forrest 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 was read, and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir John Forrest 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.

Sir John Forrest 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.

F.6286..

22nd August, 1917.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Higgs moved as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

“ Provided that any loan issued under this Act shall not be issued at a discount.”

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page

Noes, 34.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Manifold
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spence
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Watt
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Greene
Mr. Lister	Mr. Rodgers

And so it was negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 8 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATURALIZATION BILL (1917).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Naturalization Act 1903’*,” 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, 22nd August, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—RAILWAYS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Construction and Management of Commonwealth Railways*,” 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, 22nd August, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 178, 179.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 180.

22nd August, 1917.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.
9. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1917–18].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (see page 38 ante)—That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

Ordered, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1917–18.

Division No. 1. Subdivision No. 1.

Motion made, That Item No. 1, £670, be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the Committee.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATES LOAN BILL (1917).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising of Moneys to be loaned to, and the advancing of Moneys to, certain States,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 22nd August, 1917.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to 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—General Abbott^a, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald^a, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Riley, General Ryrie^a, Mr. Salmon^a, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Yates^a.

^a On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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