

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1918

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Charlton presented a Petition from certain persons resident in Australia opposed to the deportation of Italians and others, in reference to the deportation of Italians resident in Australia, for military service overseas, and praying that no such deportations may take place, but that such persons may be allowed to naturalize themselves if they so desire, and to continue as good citizens of our country.
Petition received.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 69.

The following Bills, intituled—

The *Acts Interpretation Act 1918*,
The *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1915-16*,
The *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1915-16*,
The *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1916-17*,
The *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1916-17*,
The *War Loan Act 1918*,
The *War Loan Securities Repurchase Act 1918*,

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 Acts.

Government House,
Melbourne, 11th June, 1918.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1918-19.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 70.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 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 nineteen.

Melbourne, June, 1918.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1918-19.

Mr. Watt moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1918-19 a sum not exceeding £5,574,440.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.

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

6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, again 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.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour at this sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee to consider the Estimates.

7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1918-19.

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Watt, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1918-19 a sum not exceeding £5,574,440.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1918.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bayley	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Considine	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Jensen			
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Pigott		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution 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.

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8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay. Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story

Noes, 13.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.
10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1918-19.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Watt, after debate—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1918-19, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £5,574,440.

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

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

11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1918-19.—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for 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 nineteen*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. McWilliams
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story

Noes, 12.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Considine
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Riley

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.)

Question—That the Bill be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Palmer
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Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mahony
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Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Considine	
Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Riley
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wallace

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 58.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1917*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to Amendments Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 7 made by the House of Representatives therein; and has agreed to Amendments Nos. 2, 3, and 6 with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments to Amendments Nos. 2, 3, and 6.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th June, 1918.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Message, in Committee of the Whole, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1916*," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the amendment of the House on the Senate's amendment No. 9.

The Senate does not insist on amendment No. 13, leaving out clause 38, and has agreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives in the clause; and does not insist on amendments Nos. 15, 18, 19, and 20, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th June, 1918.

14. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, again 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.

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Customs Act—

Proclamations Prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
Bicarbonate of Soda (dated 5th June, 1918).

Salt (dated 29th May, 1918).

Proclamation Prohibiting the Exportation of—Butter, Cheese, Cream, Concentrated Milk, Condensed Milk, Condensed Skimmed Milk, or Dried Milk, if unfit for export (dated 5th June, 1918.)

Trading with the Enemy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 153.

16. ADJOURNMENT. —Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past ten 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—
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott^a, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Burchell*^a, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming*^a,
Lord Forrest, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister,
Mr. Manifold*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Page, Brigadier-General Ryrie*^a, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce
Smith, Mr. John Thomson, and Mr. Yates*^a.

* On leave.

(^a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.