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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. **CORANGAMITE ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.**—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he proposed to issue a Writ, on Tuesday next, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Corangamite, in the State of Victoria, in the place of the Honorable James Chester Manifold, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	...	Tuesday, 12th November, 1918.
Date of Nomination	...	Thursday, 28th November, 1918.
Date of Polling	...	Saturday, 14th December, 1918.
Date for Return of Writ	...	On or before Monday, 23rd December, 1918.

3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Export of Australian Products—Return giving information relating to Zinc, Zinc Concentrates, Lead, Copper, Tin, Wolfram, Scheelite and Molybdenite, Wheat, Wool, Butter, Cheese, Leather, Hides, Rabbit, and Evaporated Apples.

The War—(Papers presented to the British Parliament)—

Board of Trade Departmental Committee—Report *re* the position of the Coal Trade after the War.

Civil War Workers' Committee—First Interim Report.

Housing in England and Wales—Memorandum by the Advisory Housing Panel on the Emergency Problem.

Imperial War Museum—Report for 1917-18.

"Period of the War"—Reports of the Committee to consider the Legal Interpretation of the term.

Russia—Central Powers and the Ukrainian People's Republic—Treaty of Peace signed at Brest-Litovsk, together with Supplementary Treaty.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 283, 292.

Public Service Act—Promotion of J. W. Armstrong, Attorney-General's Department.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 191, 200, 238, 247, 262.

4. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL (1918).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 72.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Entertainments Tax Act 1916'*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 1st November, 1918.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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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 Amendment requested by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO BE MADE IN THE ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL (1918).

Clause 3, after the word "shilling" (first occurring in first column), insert "excepting payments not exceeding threepence for the admission, on Saturdays between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and six o'clock in the afternoon, of children apparently under the age of twelve years".

Mr. Watt moved, That the requested amendment be made.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the word "twelve" (line 4) be omitted from the requested amendment with a view to the insertion of the word "sixteen" in place thereof.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "and Public Holidays" be inserted after the word "Saturdays" in the requested amendment.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Considine	
Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Lynch	Mr. McGrath

Noes, 29.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Spence
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mackay	
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Story
Mr. Orchard	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Mahony moved, as an amendment, That the word "twelve" (line 4) be omitted from the requested amendment with a view to the insertion of the word "sixteen" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the requested amendment—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Palmer
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Webster
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Wise
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Story
Mr. Mackay	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 11.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Mahony	Mr. McGrath

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the requested amendment be made—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Watt, after debate, the House adopted the Report

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

6th November, 1918.

5. **WAYS AND MEANS [LAND TAX RESOLUTION].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Watt moved, That in addition to the land tax payable under the provisions of the *Land Tax Act* 1910–1914 there be imposed an additional land tax equal to twenty per centum of the amount of land tax payable under those provisions.
Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

6. **DECLARATION OF ELECTORAL BILL AS URGENT BILL.—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.**—Mr. Watt having declared that the Electoral Bill was an Urgent Bill—

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put and passed.

Mr. Glynn then moved, That the time allotted for the Committee stage of the Bill be until 3 p.m. on Friday next, and for the remaining stages of the Bill from that time until 4 p.m. on Friday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Webster
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Wise
Mr. Lister	
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 12.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. **ELECTORAL BILL (1918).**—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 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Glynn moved, as an amendment, That the words “The several parts and sections of” be inserted at the beginning of the clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Story
Mr. Mackay	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 11.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Considine	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Page
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Glynn moved, as a further amendment, That the words "a day to be fixed by Proclamation" be omitted and that the words "such dates as are respectively fixed by Proclamation" be inserted in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Considine	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Page
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Sampson	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Glynn moved, as an amendment, That the words "several parts and sections of the following Acts, namely:—the" be inserted after the word "The" (first occurring in line 9).

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Considine	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Page
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Sampson	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Glynn moved, as a further amendment, That the words "as from such dates as are respectively fixed by Proclamation" be inserted after the word "repealed" (line 14).

Debate ensued.

Further amendment agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the clause was further amended by the omission of the word "granted" and the insertion of the word "appointed" in place thereof in line 3 and also in line 4 of page 2.

Clause, after debate, agreed to as amended.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated.

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the words "be appointed for a period of seven years and shall" be inserted after the word "shall" (line 20).

Debate ensued.

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.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 73.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Entertainments Tax Act 1916*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

The Senate

Melbourne, 6th November, 1918.

THOS. GIVEN, President.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Glynn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past 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—Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Burchell*(a), Mr. J. H. Catts, Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming*(a), Mr. Groom, Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Brigadier-General Ryrie*(a), Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace(a), Mr. West, and Mr. Yates*(a).

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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