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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Gregory rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The condition of the troopship *Barambah*, the necessity of an inquiry, and to discuss the necessity of insuring better and more adequate provision for the transport of returning soldiers."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Gregory moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Poynton, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
Brighton, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Sydenham, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Papua—Ordinances of 1918—
No. 12—Supplementary Appropriation 1917-18 (No. 2).
No. 15—Appropriation 1918-19.
Public Service Act—Appointment of H. H. Moore, Attorney-General's Department.
4. **DEFENCE BILL (No. 2) (1918).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
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 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated—

Sir Robert Best moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "words" (line 13) be omitted, and that the following be inserted in place thereof "'Active Military Forces' and by substituting for the words so omitted the words 'Australian Imperial Forces who have been engaged on Active Service abroad' and by inserting before the word 'Reserve' the words 'Active Military Forces and the'".

Debate continued.

Clause postponed.

Clause 3—

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

"3B. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act no person under the age of twenty one years shall in time of war be called upon to render active service".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Considine	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Corboy	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Leckie	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mackay	
Mr. Poynton	Mr. Story
Mr. Rodgers	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 19.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Considine	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Corboy	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Fowler	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Lister	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Mahony	Mr. McGrath

The number for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote with the "Ayes" for the reason that by so doing he gave an opportunity for further consideration.]

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 7—

Mr. W. Maloney moved, as an amendment, That the words "Fifty pounds or" (line 46) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mackay	
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Story
Mr. Poynton	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 22.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Considine	Mr. Riley
Mr. Corboy	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Lister	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

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.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

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6. **BEER EXCISE BILL (1918).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
 Mr. Groom 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 and 2 agreed to.
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 4, 5, and 6 agreed to.
 Clause 7 amended, on the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate, by the insertion after the word "month" (line 32) of the following words "and inserting in their stead the words 'in such amount as is prescribed'".
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Clauses 8 to 15 agreed to.
 Clause 16 amended, on the motion of Mr. Groom, by the omission of paragraph (f) and the insertion of the following paragraph in place thereof :—
 "(f) in cases other than those enumerated in the preceding paragraphs—the person who was the last owner of the beer when contained in the vessel, or who has opened the vessel or caused it to be opened."
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Clauses 17 to 23 agreed to.
 Clause 24 amended, on the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate, by the omission of all the words from and inclusive of the words "The Fourth Schedule" and the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—

"THE FOURTH SCHEDULE.**SCALE OF FEES FOR BREWERS' LICENCES.**

For every brewery wherein beer is brewed in quantities not exceeding in any one year 50,000 gallons	£25 per annum
Exceeding 50,000 gallons but not exceeding 150,000 gallons	£50 per annum
Exceeding 150,000 gallons but not exceeding 375,000 gallons	£75 per annum
Exceeding 375,000 gallons but not exceeding 750,000 gallons	£100 per annum
Exceeding 750,000 gallons but not exceeding 1,500,000 gallons	£125 per annum
Exceeding 1,500,000 gallons but not exceeding 3,000,000 gallons	£150 per annum
Exceeding 3,000,000 gallons but not exceeding 6,000,000 gallons	£175 per annum
Exceeding 6,000,000 gallons but not exceeding 12,000,000 gallons	£200 per annum
Exceeding 12,000,000 gallons	£250 per annum

computing as from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December and when by reason of the time of the granting of the licence it will not continue for a full year the amount of the fees shall be reduced proportionately."

- Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.

Mr. Groom 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. Groom, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
 Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burchell*(a), Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming*(a), Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Pigott, Brigadier-General Ryrrie*(a), Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Yates*(a).

* On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives