

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1918.

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

2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Repatriation Scheme—Statement prepared for the French Mission, 27th November, 1918.

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

3. ADDITIONAL DAY AND ALTERATION OF TIMES OF SITTING.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, up to and inclusive of the 19th instant, shall sit on the Monday at 3 o'clock p.m., on the Tuesday at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesdays at 11 o'clock a.m., and on Thursdays at 11 o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. H. Catts moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion "and shall adjourn not later than 11 p.m. on each day of sitting".

Debate continued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 20.

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

Noes, 34.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

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4. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.**—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 be suspended up to, and inclusive of, Thursday, the 19th instant.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Spence
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lister	Mr. Story
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 22.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. **WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (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.

Mr. Higgs moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted from, and the words "this day six months" added to, the motion.

Debate continued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and passed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	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. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story
Mr. Lister	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 26.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Corboy	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page

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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

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6. WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (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 read.
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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—IRON AND STEEL BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 84.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Black Steel Sheets and Galvanized Sheets in the Commonwealth*," to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1918.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past eleven 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—
Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Burchell*(a), Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming*(a), Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Brigadier-General Ryrie*(a), and Mr. Yates*(a).

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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