

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 139.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. J. H. CATTS).—Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Cook (Mr. J. H. Catts).
Question—put and passed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. HUGHES, SIR JOSEPH COOK, MR. BRUCE).—Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the Right Honorable Member for Bendigo (Mr. Hughes), the Right Honorable Member for Parramatta (Sir Joseph Cook), and the honorable Member for Flinders (Mr. Bruce).
Question—put and passed.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Sampson 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 purchase and sale of cornsacks by the Government".
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. Sampson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Greene, 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.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the Meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Women in Industry—Report of the (Imperial) War Cabinet Committee. (Paper presented to the British Parliament).
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Promotion of P. E. Butler, Department of the Treasury.
6. MORATORIUM BILL.—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.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the words "for more than twelve months after the prescribed date" (line 16 of page 3) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5, 6, and 7 agreed to.

The Schedules—

The First Schedule—

Debate ensued.

6th August, 1919.

Mr. McWilliams moved, as an amendment, That the figures "1919" in the second column of the Table included in paragraph 13 (page 9) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the figures "1920" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the Table included in paragraph 13 (page 9) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following Table in place thereof:—

<i>First Column.</i>	<i>Second Column.</i>
Period within which, apart from these Regulations, the principal sum secured by a mortgage to which these Regulations apply is due for repayment.	Prescribed Month for Repayment.
Period before 1st January, 1915	February, 1920
Period between 1st January and 31st December, 1915, both dates inclusive	March, 1920
Period between 1st January and 31st December, 1916, both dates inclusive	April, 1920
Period between 1st January and 31st December, 1917, both dates inclusive	May, 1920
Period between 1st January and 31st December, 1918, both dates inclusive	June, 1920
Period between 1st January, 1919, and the date of the termination of the war as declared by Proclamation, both dates inclusive	July, 1920

Debate ensued.

Mr. McWilliams moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the word "February" be omitted from the proposed amendment with a view to the insertion of the word "August" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Chapman	Mr. Riley
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Corser	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Yates
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster	Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise	Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom		Mr. Mahony	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page
Mr. Mackay			
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Story		
Mr. Orchard	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment as moved by Mr. Groom agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the following further amendments were made in the First Schedule:—

Page 10, Regulation 13, sub-regulation (3), omit "thirty-first day of August, 1919" insert "twenty-ninth day of February, 1920".

Page 10, Regulation 13, sub-regulation (4), omit "thirty-first day of August, 1919" insert "twenty-ninth day of February, 1920".

The First Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom 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—Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. J. H. Catts*, Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Lamond, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls*, Mr. Palmer, Major-General Ryrie*(a), and Mr. Wallace.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.