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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 164.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (EXPEDITIONARY FORCES) BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to apply the Imperial Act known as the *Matrimonial Causes (Dominion Troops) Act* 1919 to the Commonwealth of Australia.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Groom brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
3. DECEASED SOLDIERS' ESTATES BILL (1919).—Mr. Wise moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act* 1918.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Wise brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
4. TREATY OF PEACE [GERMANY] BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to carry into effect the Treaty of Peace with Germany.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
5. SUGAR INDUSTRY COMMISSION BILL.—Mr. Greene moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to facilitate the proceedings of the Royal Commission appointed to hold an Inquiry into the Sugar Industry in Australia.
Question—put and passed.
6. INCOME TAX BILL (1919).—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.)

New Clauses—

Debate resumed on Mr. Jowett's motion, That the following New Clause be added to the Bill:—

7A. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Act, a taxpayer shall be entitled to a deduction from his income of the sum of Fifty pounds in respect of each child under the age of eighteen years.

Exemption for children.

Question—That the proposed New Clause be added to the Bill—put.

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The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 19. | |
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| Mr. Anstey | Mr. Page |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Pigott |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. Corboy | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. West |
| Mr. Finlayson | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Jowett | |
| Mr. W. Maloney | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Mathews | Mr. Charlton |
| Mr. McDonald | Mr. Riley |

| Noes, 27. | |
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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Lynch |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. McWilliams |
| Mr. Burchell | Mr. Orchard |
| Sir Joseph Cook | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Spence |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Hughes | |
| Mr. Jensen | Mr. Story |
| Mr. Livingston | Mr. John Thomson |

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Charlton moved, That the following New Clause be added to the Bill :—

(A.) Notwithstanding anything in any Act to the contrary, returned soldiers, sailors, nurses, doctors, war workers and others who were accepted for war service abroad shall be exempt from taxation on incomes derived from personal exertion.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proposed New Clause be added to the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 17. | |
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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Riley |
| Mr. Burchell | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Corboy | Mr. West |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Finlayson | |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. W. Maloney | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Mathews | Mr. Brennan |
| Mr. Page | Mr. Charlton |

| Noes, 31. | |
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| Lieut.-Col. Abbott | Mr. Leckie |
| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Livingston |
| Mr. Boyd | Mr. Lynch |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Maxwell |
| Sir Joseph Cook | Mr. McWilliams |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Pigott |
| Mr. Falkiner | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Spence |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Hughes | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Jowett | |
| Mr. Kelly | Mr. Story |
| Mr. Lamond | Mr. John Thomson |

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Corboy moved, That the following New Clause be added to the Bill :—

Notwithstanding anything in any Act to the contrary, the exemptions made in calculating the income tax from all sources of returned soldiers, sailors, nurses, doctors, war workers and others who were accepted for and proceeded abroad on active or war service and any person dependent on anyone who lost his or her life whilst on or because of such service shall be twice as great as the exemptions provided in the Income Tax Assessment Act.

Question—That the proposed New Clause be added to the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 17. | |
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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Riley |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. Burchell | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. West |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Finlayson | |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. W. Maloney | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Mathews | Mr. Charlton |
| Mr. Page | Mr. Corboy |

| Noes, 32. | |
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| Lieut.-Col. Abbott | Mr. Leckie |
| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Livingston |
| Mr. Boyd | Mr. Lynch |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Maxwell |
| Sir Joseph Cook | Mr. McWilliams |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Orchard |
| Mr. Falkiner | Mr. Pigott |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Spence |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Hughes | |
| Mr. Jowett | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Kelly | Mr. Story |
| Mr. Lamond | Mr. John Thomson |

And so it was negatived.

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Schedules debated.

Question—That the Schedules be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.

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| Lieut.-Col. Abbott | Mr. Livingston |
| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Lynch |
| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. McWilliams |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Orchard |
| Mr. Burchell | Mr. Pigott |
| Sir Joseph Cook | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Spence |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. Jowett | |
| Mr. Kelly | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lamond | Mr. Story |
| Mr. Leckie | Mr. John Thomson |

Noes, 15.

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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Riley |
| Mr. Boyd | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. West |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Fenton | |
| Mr. Finlayson | |
| Mr. Higgs | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Mathews |
| Mr. Page | Mr. Watkins |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Poynton the House adopted the Report, and the Standing Orders having previously been suspended (see p. 546 *ante*), the Bill, after debate, was read a third time.

7. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Taxation of Leasehold Estates in Crown Lands—Report of the Royal Commission.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 236, 237, 240, 242.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 241.

It being after Eleven o'clock p.m.—by leave—

8. SUGAR INDUSTRY COMMISSION BILL.—Mr. Greene, pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to facilitate the proceedings of the Royal Commission appointed to hold an Inquiry into the Sugar Industry in Australia*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered - That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine 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. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Heitmann^{*(a)}, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Rodgers, Major-General Ryrie^{*(a)}, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.