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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.

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
 Mr. Mathews
 Mr. McDonald

Tellers :

Mr. Charlton
 Mr. Riley

Noes, 27.

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
 Mr. Hughes
 Mr. Jensen
 Mr. Livingston

Tellers :

Mr. Story
 Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negative.

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.

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
 Mr. Mathews
 Mr. Page

Tellers :

Mr. Brennan
 Mr. Charlton

Noes, 31.

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. Hill
 Mr. Hughes
 Mr. Jowett
 Mr. Kelly
 Mr. Lamond

Tellers :

Mr. Story
 Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negative.

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.

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
 Mr. Mathews
 Mr. Page

Tellers :

Mr. Charlton
 Mr. Corboy

Noes, 32.

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. Hill
 Mr. Hughes
 Mr. Jowett
 Mr. Kelly
 Mr. Lamond

Tellers :

Mr. Story
 Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negative.

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Schedules debated.

Question—That the Schedules be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.

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	
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

Tellers:

Noes, 15.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Tudor
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Yates
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Page	Mr. Watkins

Tellers.

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, 340, 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.