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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 166.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
 Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and an Appendix relating to the proposed
 Erection of Commonwealth Note Printing Offices.
 Ordered—That the Report be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 233.
 Customs Act—
 Proclamation (dated 1st October, 1919) prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Animal Fertilizers and Superphosphates and the Raw Material for the manufacture of such goods.
 Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 238.
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 245.
4. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1919).—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1915*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Glynn 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. WAYS AND MEANS.—LAND TAX BILL (1919).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Poynton moved, That, in addition to the land tax payable under the provisions of the *Land Tax Act 1910-1914*, there be imposed, for the financial year 1919-1920, an additional land tax equal to twenty per centum of the amount of land tax payable under those provisions.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Poynton 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Poynton and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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Mr. Poynton then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1918'," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 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.)

Bill agreed to, after debate, and 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 Bill was read a third time.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL (1919).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Poynton moved, That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Entertainments Tax Act 1916-1918* upon payments for admission to entertainments there be imposed upon such payments as from a date to be fixed by proclamation a tax at the following rates, namely:—

Payment for Admission (excluding the amount of tax).	Rate of Tax.
Not exceeding fivepence for the admission to a continuous place of entertainment of persons apparently over the age of sixteen years	One half-penny.
Sixpence	One half-penny.
Exceeding sixpence but not exceeding one shilling	One penny.
Exceeding one shilling	One penny for the first shilling and one half-penny for every sixpence or part of sixpence by which the payment exceeds one shilling.

"Continuous place of entertainment" means a place of entertainment which is open for more than four hours on more than two days in the week for the admission of persons to the entertainment upon payment.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fenton moved the following amendment—Omit from the motion the following words:—

"Not exceeding fivepence for the admission to a continuous place of entertainment of persons apparently over the age of sixteen years	One half-penny.
Sixpence	One half-penny.
Exceeding sixpence but not exceeding one shilling	One penny."

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McWilliams
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watt
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	Tellers :
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. W. Maloney	Tellers :
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Riley	Mr. Yates

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Leckie	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Higgs	
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Finlayson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence	Mr. Page	Mr. Yates
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Poynton 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.

The Resolution from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Poynton and Mr. Watt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Poynton then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Entertainments Tax Act 1916-1918’*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.)

Bill agreed to, after debate, and 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 Bill was read a third time.

7. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1919-20].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

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ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1919-20.

Vote—"Under Control of Department of Works and Railways—£140,852"—debated—

Mr. Riley moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Vote proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Yates	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister
Mr. Charlton		Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Lynch
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Burchell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. West	Mr. Riley	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
		Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Votes—

"Under Control of Postmaster-General's Department—£165,000—

Under Control of Department of Defence—Military £77,192—

Under Control of Department of the Navy—£14,100"—

debated and agreed to.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Watt, That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1919-20, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £397,144.

Leave to be 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.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Watt 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.
9. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.
10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION [ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1919-20].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1919-20.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1919-20, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £397,144.

Resolution 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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11. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1919-20.—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Watt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Watt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Carnegie, Victoria—For War Service Homes purposes.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past 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. Bamford, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hill, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Rodgers, Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie*(a), and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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