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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 170.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1919

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Prahran, Victoria—For Repatriation purposes.
Public Service Act—Promotions of H. H. Ford and W. G. Bones, Department of the Treasury.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.
4. TERMINATION OF THE PRESENT WAR (DEFINITION) BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for determining the Date of the Termination of the Present War and for purposes connected therewith.
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.
5. LAND, MINING, SHARES AND SHIPPING BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to continue in force for a limited time the War Precautions (Enemy Shareholders) Regulations, the War Precautions (Land Transfer) Regulations, the War Precautions (Mining) Regulations, and the War Precautions (Shipping) Regulations.
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.
6. ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.
Clause 7—
Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Leckie
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Pigott
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Webster
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Jowett	

Tellers:

Mr. Story
Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 7.

Mr. Fenton
Mr. Mathews
Mr. Tudor
Mr. West
Mr. Yates

Tellers:

Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Finlayson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Clauses 8 and 9 agreed to.

Proposed New Clause—

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

“6A. Part III. of the Principal Act is hereby repealed.”

Proposed New Clause ruled out of order.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the Bill was read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, after debate, That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

8. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

9. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONTROL BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

10. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1919).—Mr. Groom, pursuant to leave given on the 17th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the War Service Homes Act 1918,*” 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.

11. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONTROL BILL.—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.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sinclair
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Corser	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Watt
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Yates
Mr. J. H. Catts	
Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Mathews
Mr. West	

Tellers :

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

The following amendments were, on the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate, made in the clause:—

Line 30, after the word "if" insert the words "at the commencement of this Act,".

Line 31, omit the words "during the war" insert the words "without the consent of the Attorney-General or other authority".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Groom 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.

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

12. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after twelve o'clock midnight—

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Debate continued.

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 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Burchell moved the following amendment:—

Before paragraph (a) insert—

"(aa) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (d):—

(e) Was a member of the Australian mercantile marine engaged on transport or other duty outside Australia; and who prior to such appointment for service resided in Australia."

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Tudor	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Yates	

Noes, 29.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watt
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

Mr. J. H. Catts moved the following amendment:—

Line 27, omit the words "and interest".

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 5.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Leckie	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Tudor	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Yates	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard		
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Pigott		
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

Mr. J. H. Catts moved the following amendment:—

Line 44, at end of clause add the following words, "Australian soldier or any Australian soldier who has lost one or more limbs or portion of a limb, or female dependant of an".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 5.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Finlayson		Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Tudor		Mr. Archibald	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Yates		Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Poynton
<i>Tellers:</i>		Mr. Boyd	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. J. H. Catts		Mr. Burchell	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fenton		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Webster
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Glynn	
		Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Lamond	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Greene, the Bill was read a third time.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1919-20.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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14. **LOANS SECURITIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 105—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue of Securities in relation to Loans and for other purposes in connexion therewith.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
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.
The said resolution was read, and on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Sir Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.
Mr. Watt then brought up the Bill accordingly, 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.
Debate ensued.
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. Watt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. **TERMINATION OF THE PRESENT WAR (DEFINITION) BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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. Groom, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

16. **LAND, MINING, SHARES AND SHIPPING BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Boyd moved the following amendment :—

Line 6, omit the words "the War Precautions (Shipping) Regulations".

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Poynton
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Spence
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 5.
Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Tudor
<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Boyd
Mr. Fenton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
 Clause agreed to.
 Remainder of Bill agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

17. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered, That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 4, Government Business.
18. **INDEMNITY BILL.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for an Indemnity in relation to acts committed during the War, and for other purposes.
 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.
 Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Tudor addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
19. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes to six o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
 Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Considine, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Page, Mr. Riley, Mr. Rodgers, Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie^(a), Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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