

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1920.

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—
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 56.
 Public Service Act—Promotion of T. L. Legg, Attorney-General's Department.
 War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at—Goulburn, New South Wales.
3. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1920).—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.)

Clause 11—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Tudor, viz.:—That the words "or as are prescribed" (lines 15 and 16) be omitted.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Rylie
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. James Page
Mr. Makin	Mr. Riley
Mr. W. Maloney	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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On the motion of Mr. Poynton, after debate, sub-clause (3.) was omitted from the clause, and the following sub-clauses were inserted in place thereof:—

“(3.) All real and personal property, securities and funds, and all rights of action in respect of any such property, securities and funds, vested, in pursuance of any Act repealed by this Act, in the Minister or in a State Repatriation Board, or in any person on behalf of or in trust for the Minister or any such Board, shall, upon the commencement of this Act, become vested in the Commission subject to the trusts upon which the same are held by the Minister or by that Board or person.

“(4.) All the rights of State War Councils in respect of advances made by them under the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund Act 1916* shall, upon the commencement of this Act, become vested in, and exercisable by, the Commission.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

Debate ensued.

Mr. West moved, as an amendment, That the word “three” (line 35) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word “one” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Bell	Mr. Nicholls
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Kerby	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lamond	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks	Mr. Francis	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Considine	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Hill	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gibson		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 14—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (2.) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following sub-clause in place thereof:—

“(2.) A selection by ballot shall be made by returned soldiers throughout each State of a person to be appointed as one of the members of the Board for the State, and the Governor-General may appoint the person selected to be a member of that Board.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Riley	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lazzarini		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Makin	Mr. James Page	Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Fleming
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

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On the motion of Mr. Poynton, after debate, the clause was amended by the omission of the words "A duly authenticated" (line 1 of page 4), and the insertion of the word "Any" in place thereof; by the omission of the words "recognised or acknowledged by the Minister as being a body" (lines 1 and 2 of page 4); by the omission of the words "that list" (line 8 of page 4), and the insertion of the words "any list so submitted" in place thereof; and by the omission of the word "State" (line 39 of page 4).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 15 and 16 agreed to.

Clause 17—

Mr. Poynton moved, as an amendment, That the word "paid" be inserted before the word "employment" (line 20).

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Considine moved, as a further amendment, That paragraph (a) be omitted from sub-clause (2.)

Debate ensued.

Further amendment negatived.

Mr. Poynton moved, as a further amendment, That paragraph (c) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following paragraph in place thereof:—

"(c, he, in any way, otherwise than as a member, and in common with the other members, of an incorporated company consisting of more than twenty-five persons—

(i) becomes concerned or interested in any contract or agreement made by or on behalf of the Commission; or

(ii) participates, or claims to be entitled to participate, in the profit of any such contract or agreement or in any benefit or emolument arising therefrom."

Debate ensued.

Further amendment agreed to.

Mr. Poynton moved, as a further amendment, That the words "or in any benefit or emolument arising therefrom" be inserted after the word "thereof," (line 41).

Further amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clause 19—

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the words "or as are prescribed" (line 2) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. West
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. James Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 20 agreed to.

Clause 21—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Brennan moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (1.):—"but shall nevertheless be guided as far as practicable by the results of competitive examinations held for the purpose of determining merit".

Debate ensued.

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. James Page	Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Riley
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 22—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the first line of the clause be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Progress 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.

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

Adriatic Question—Correspondence relating to. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen 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—Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Watt*, and Mr. Wise.

* On leave.

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