

1920.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 42.*

Bills intituled—

*Income Tax Act 1920,**Judiciary Act 1920,*

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Federal Government House,
Melbourne, 30th October, 1920.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WHEAT.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with respect to wheat in regard to export, purchase and local consumption, &c., and, by leave, concluded by moving, That the following resolution be printed :—

“Guaranteed that in respect of wheat delivered at railway sidings an immediate cash payment of 2s. 6d. per bushel be made, and that a certificate representing 2s. 6d. per bushel and payable on 30th April, 1921, be issued

“That the price of the wheat to be retained for local consumption be such price as will be a fair commutation of the expectancy of the overseas markets over the year 1921 on a basis of fortnightly deliveries with payment in advance by fortnightly settlements.

“That the fair commutation of the equivalent of the overseas parity is 9s. per bushel sea-port basis.”

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

4. NATIONALITY BILL.—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 7—

Amendment moved by Mr. Brennan, viz. :—That the words in sub-clause (5.), up to and inclusive of the words “apply and” (line 41), be omitted from the clause—again proposed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause further debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gibson	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Higgs.	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story

Noes, 15.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. James Page
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Makin
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. Brennan moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (3.) :—

“ Provided that no woman born in Australia and being a natural born British subject shall cease to be a British subject by reason merely of her marriage with an alien.”

Débate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Makin
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 27.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

Noes, 13.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Makin
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

Noes, 16.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. James Page
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Makin
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 13 and 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 debated—

Mr. Brennan moved, as an amendment, That the words "in so far as it is not inconsistent with this Act" be added to sub-clause (1.) of the clause.

Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. James Page
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Makin
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 24 agreed to.

Clause 25 amended, after debate, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, by the omission of sub-clause (3.).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 26 debated—

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That the words "except a declaration made under the last preceding section" be inserted after the word "repealed" (line 18).

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. James Page
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

Provided that the person affected by such declaration will be entitled to publicly examine and cross-examine the declarant before such declaration is acted upon by the Minister.

Question—put and passed.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 27 to 32 agreed to.

Clause 33—

On the motion of Mr. Poynton, after debate, the words “revoked or amended, he may revoke or” (line 28) were omitted and the words “amended, he may” were inserted in place thereof, and sub-clauses (2.) and (4.) were omitted from the clause.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 34, after debate, amended, on the motion of Mr. Poynton, by the omission of the words “in pursuance of the last preceding section” from lines 5 and 6, and also from lines 13 and 14.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 35 agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Poynton the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

13A. For the purposes of the last two preceding sections “certificate of naturalization” includes a certificate of naturalization issued under the Act repealed by this Act or under any State Act. Definition of certificate of naturalization.

Schedules debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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.

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

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, Nos. 178, 179, 180.

Public Service Act—Appointments and Promotions—

A. Dunn, Department of the Treasury.

F. C. Lindsay, Attorney-General's Department.

6. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to 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. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Hay, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Riley, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

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