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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 101.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. INTER-STATE COMMISSION BILL (1920).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Inter-State Commission Act 1912*.  
Debate ensued.  
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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
3. COMMONWEALTH COURT OF COMMERCE BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to constitute a Commonwealth Court of Commerce and for other purposes.  
Debate ensued.  
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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) REPEAL BILL.—Mr. Poynton moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1917-1919*.  
Question—put and passed.
5. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Tudor 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 Tuesday next.
6. PASSPORTS 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 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated—

Mr. James Page moved, as an amendment, That the words "permanent head" (line 42) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "Minister" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Poynton moved, as a further amendment, That after the word "void" (line 45) the following words be added :—

"and any person having in his possession or under his control any such passport, permit or pass, shall, on demand by an officer, forthwith deliver it up to the officer.

Penalty: Fifty pounds, or imprisonment for three months."

Further amendment agreed to.

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Mr. Poynton moved, as a further amendment, That the following sub-clauses be added at the end of the clause, as amended :—

“(2.) The visé or indorsement on any passport may be cancelled by the Minister of the Department controlling the issue of passports or by some person authorized thereto by him, by notice in writing given to the person to whom the passport was issued, and after such notice has been served on the person to whom the passport was issued, the visé or indorsement to which it refers shall be void.

“(3.) Any officer may take possession of any passport bearing a visé or indorsement in respect of which a notice has been served under this section, and any person having in his possession or under his control any such passport shall on demand by an officer forthwith deliver it up to the officer.

Penalty: Fifty pounds, or imprisonment for three months.”.

Further amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Poynton moved, as an amendment, That the words “One hundred” (line 11) be omitted, and that the word “Fifty” be inserted in place thereof, and that the word “six” (line 11) be omitted and the word “three” be inserted in place thereof.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 debated—

Mr. Mahon moved, as an amendment, That the words “or being about so to act” (line 14) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Poynton moved, as an amendment, That after the word “passport” (line 17) the following words be inserted :—“or a visé or indorsement of a passport”.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Mr. Poynton moved, as a further amendment, That the words “One hundred” (line 25) be omitted, and the word “Fifty” be inserted in place thereof, and that the word “six” (line 25) be omitted and the word “three” be inserted in place thereof.

Further amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 3.

Question—put and passed.

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

*(In the Committee.)*

Recommitted clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Poynton, the following amendments were made :—

Line 12, after “journey” insert “, and the visé or indorsement has not been cancelled”.

Line 13, omit “One hundred” and insert “Fifty”; omit “six” and insert “three”.

After paragraph (c) insert the following paragraph :—

“(ca) any natural-born British subject leaving the Commonwealth for New Zealand;”.

Line 25, after “person” insert “(other than a natural-born British subject)”.

Lines 29–30, omit “, and if he travels in a vessel trading solely between the Commonwealth and New Zealand”.

Line 31, after “person” insert “(other than a natural-born British subject)”.

Line 14 (p. 3), omit “One hundred” and insert “Fifty”; omit “six” and insert “three”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further 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 Reports, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5, Government Business.

8. ALIENS REGISTRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Tudor 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 to-morrow.
9. IMMIGRATION BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Tudor 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 to-morrow.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—QUARANTINE BILL (1920).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
- MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 62.
- The Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Quarantine Act 1908-1915’.*”
- THOS. GIVENS,  
President.
- The Senate,  
Melbourne, 4th November, 1920.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TREATY OF PEACE (GERMANY) BILL (1920).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
- MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 63.
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Treaty of Peace Act 1919’.*” to which it has agreed without amendment.
- THOS. GIVENS,  
President.
- The Senate,  
Melbourne, 4th November, 1920.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TREATIES OF PEACE (AUSTRIA AND BULGARIA) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
- MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 64.
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to carry into effect the Treaties of Peace with Austria and Bulgaria.*” to which it has agreed without amendment.
- THOS. GIVENS,  
President.
- The Senate,  
Melbourne, 4th November, 1920.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be further postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
14. SUPPLY.—[ESTIMATES 1920-21].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on Vote—The Department of the Treasury, £3,387,747—  
Vote agreed to.

Vote—Attorney-General’s Department, £86,273—

Debate ensued.

Mr. James Page moved, as an amendment, That the first item “Solicitor-General, Secretary and Parliamentary Draftsman, £2,000” be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 14.      |                    | Noes, 26.          |                     |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Charlton   | Mr. Parker Moloney | Mr. Atkinson       | Mr. Lister          |
| Mr. Consideine | Mr. Ryan           | Mr. Bell           | Mr. Mackay          |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Stewart        | Mr. Blundell       | Mr. Maxwell         |
| Mr. Gregory    | Mr. Tudor          | Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Poynton         |
| Mr. Hill       |                    | Sir Joseph Cook    | Mr. Prowse          |
| Mr. Lazzarini  | <i>Tellers:</i>    | Mr. Robert Cook    | Mr. Rodgers         |
| Mr. Mathews    | Mr. Makin          | Mr. Corser         | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. McWilliams | Mr. James Page     | Mr. Gibson         | Mr. Laird Smith     |
|                |                    | Mr. Greene         | Mr. Wienholt        |
|                |                    | Mr. Groom          | Mr. Wise            |
|                |                    | Mr. Higgs          |                     |
|                |                    | Mr. Hughes         | <i>Tellers:</i>     |
|                |                    | Mr. Jackson        | Mr. Burchell        |
|                |                    | Mr. Lamond         | Mr. Story           |

And so it was negatived.

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Debate on Vote continued.

Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment, That the item "Crown Solicitor, £1,250" be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

*Member Named.*—Mr. Mathews, having refused to obey the ruling of the Chair, was named by the Chairman for deliberately defying the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Mathews) be suspended from the service of the Committee.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 31.          |                     | Noes, 9.           |                 |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Atkinson       | Mr. Lister          | Mr. Considine      | Mr. Tudor       |
| Mr. Bell           | Mr. Mackay          | Mr. Cunningham     |                 |
| Mr. Blundell       | Mr. Marr            | Mr. Lazzarini      | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Maxwell         | Mr. Parker Moloney | Mr. Charlton    |
| Sir Joseph Cook    | Mr. McWilliams      | Mr. James Page     | Mr. Makin       |
| Mr. Robert Cook    | Mr. Poynton         | Mr. Ryan           |                 |
| Mr. Corser         | Mr. Prowse          |                    |                 |
| Mr. Fleming        | Mr. Rodgers         |                    |                 |
| Mr. Francis        | Sir Granville Ryrie |                    |                 |
| Mr. Gibson         | Mr. Laird Smith     |                    |                 |
| Mr. Greene         | Mr. Wienholt        |                    |                 |
| Mr. Gregory        | Mr. Wise            |                    |                 |
| Mr. Groom          |                     |                    |                 |
| Mr. Higgs          | <i>Tellers:</i>     |                    |                 |
| Mr. Hughes         |                     |                    |                 |
| Mr. Jackson        | Mr. Burchell        |                    |                 |
| Mr. Lamond         | Mr. Story           |                    |                 |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstance to the House, and Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Mathews) be suspended from the service of the House.

The House divided—

| Ayes, 31.          |                     | Noes, 9.           |                 |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Bell           | Mr. Lister          | Mr. Considine      | Mr. Tudor       |
| Mr. Blundell       | Mr. Mackay          | Mr. Cunningham     |                 |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Marr            | Mr. Lazzarini      | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Chanter        | Mr. Maxwell         | Mr. Parker Moloney | Mr. Charlton    |
| Sir Joseph Cook    | Mr. McWilliams      | Mr. James Page     | Mr. Makin       |
| Mr. Corser         | Mr. Poynton         | Mr. Ryan           |                 |
| Mr. Fleming        | Mr. Prowse          |                    |                 |
| Mr. Francis        | Mr. Rodgers         |                    |                 |
| Mr. Gibson         | Sir Granville Ryrie |                    |                 |
| Mr. Greene         | Mr. Laird Smith     |                    |                 |
| Mr. Gregory        | Mr. Wienholt        |                    |                 |
| Mr. Groom          | Mr. Wise            |                    |                 |
| Mr. Higgs          |                     |                    |                 |
| Mr. Hill           | <i>Tellers:</i>     |                    |                 |
| Mr. Hughes         |                     |                    |                 |
| Mr. Jackson        | Mr. Burchell        |                    |                 |
| Mr. Lamond         | Mr. Story           |                    |                 |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Debate continued on the amendment moved by Mr. Considine.

Amendment negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—The Home and Territories Department, £931,125—

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.

15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

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**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. Fenton, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Hay, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Riley, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

\* On leave.

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