

1920-21.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

No. 206.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Railways—Report, with Appendices, on Commonwealth Railways, 1920-21.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Uniform Railway Gauge—The Problem of the Breaks in the Gauges of the Railway Systems of Australia, by A. R. Dowling; together with copy of correspondence relating thereto.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Promotions of E. A. J. Benjafield and T. D. Carroll, Department of Trade and Customs.
3. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1921).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill (1921) was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, was discharged.
Ordered that the said Bill be withdrawn.
4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1921).—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections fourteen, eighteen A, twenty-four, and twenty-nine of the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1920*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1921).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 100.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the modifications made by the House in Requests for Amendments Nos. 33 and 34, does not further press its Requests Nos. 26 and 91, and agrees to the modifications made by the House therein, together with the consequential amendment made in Item 424, sub-item (F), paragraph (2), and does not further press Requests for Amendments Nos. 11, 31, 32, and 85.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith as amended by the House of Representatives at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

6. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1921).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
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Clause 2 amended, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, by the addition of the following words at the end of the clause:—

“and (c) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section—

‘(4.) A deputy shall receive such remuneration as the Governor-General determines and the Consolidated Revenue Fund is, to the necessary extent, hereby appropriated accordingly.’”

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the following new paragraphs be added to sub-clause (4.):—

“(c) Every such appeal shall be instituted by notice of appeal, which shall be served and filed as prescribed, and no other formal proceeding other than the notice of appeal shall be necessary.

(d) When notice of such appeal has been duly instituted, the enforcement of that portion of the Award appealed from shall be stayed pending the decision of the Court, constituted by the President and by two or more Deputy Presidents, on the hearing of the appeal.”

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 12. | | Noes, 39. | |
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| Mr. Bowden | Mr. McWilliams | Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Earle Page | Mr. Bamford | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Fleming | Mr. Stewart | Mr. Blundell | Mr. Mathews |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | | Mr. Brennan | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Gibson | <i>Tellers:</i> | Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Bell | Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. Prowse | Mr. Charlton | Mr. Nicholls |
| | | Mr. Corser | Mr. Poynton |
| | | Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Riley |
| | | Mr. Fenton | Mr. Rodgers |
| | | Mr. Foley | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| | | Mr. Gabb | Mr. Laird Smith |
| | | Mr. Greene | Mr. Watkins |
| | | Mr. Groom | Mr. West |
| | | Mr. Higgs | Mr. Wienholt |
| | | Mr. Hughes | Mr. Wise |
| | | Mr. Jackson | |
| | | Mr. Lamond | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| | | Mr. Lister | |
| | | Mr. Makin | Mr. Mackay |
| | | Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Story |

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the clause stand part of the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 24. | | Noes, 31. | |
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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Lister | Mr. Bell | Mr. W. Maloney |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Marks | Mr. Blundell | Mr. Mathews |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Marr | Mr. Bowden | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. McWilliams | Mr. Brennan | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Poynton | Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Rodgers | Mr. Charlton | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Greene | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Laird Smith | Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wise | Mr. Fenton | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Higgs | | Mr. Fleming | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Hughes | <i>Tellers:</i> | Mr. Foley | Mr. West |
| Mr. Jackson | Mr. Mackay | Mr. Fowler | Mr. Wienholt |
| Mr. Lamond | Mr. Story | Mr. Gabb | |
| | | Mr. Gibson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| | | Mr. Hunter | |
| | | Mr. Lavelle | Mr. Makin |
| | | Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Riley |

And so it was negatived.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes 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. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

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

8th December, 1921.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1921).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 77.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend sections fourteen, eighteen A, twenty-four, and twenty-nine of the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1920*.

Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith. 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. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend sections fourteen, eighteen A, twenty-four, and twenty-nine of the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1920*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, was adopted by the House.

8. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1921).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 78.

A Bill intituled "*Loan Appropriation Act 1921*", 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 Act.

Melbourne, 7th December, 1921.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.

11. WAR PRECAUTIONS (COAL) BILL (1921).—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Section three of the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1920*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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. Hughes moved, by leave, 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. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (1921).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom 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.

8th December, 1921.

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.

13. **ELECTORAL BILL (1921).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

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| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Jowett |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lamond |
| Mr. Blundell | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. W. Maloney |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Chanter | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Considine | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Riley |
| Mr. Foley | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Fowler | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Hay | |
| Mr. Higgs | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. Story |

Noes, 24.

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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. McWilliams |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Fleming | Mr. Wienholt |
| Mr. Gabb | |
| Mr. Gibson | |
| Mr. Gregory | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lavelle | Mr. Jackson |
| Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Mathews | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

14. **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1921).**—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 2nd instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1918'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, 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.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Bowden moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs (a) and (b) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Cunningham moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted before paragraph (a):—

"(aa) by inserting in paragraph (a) thereof after the words 'live stock' the words 'existing at the time of furnishing his income tax returns'."

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 debated—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the word "Thirty" (line 47) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "Sixty" in place thereof.

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

The Committee divided—

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| Ayes, 40. | | Noes, 16. | |
| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Hunter | Mr. Anstey | Mr. Mathews |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Jackson | Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lamond | Mr. Charlton | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Lister | Mr. Considine | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Blundell | Mr. Marks | Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Marr | Mr. Fenton | |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Maxwell | Mr. Gabb | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. McWilliams | Mr. Lavelle | Mr. J. H. Oatts |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Earle Page | Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Poynton | | |
| Mr. Foley | Mr. Prowse | | |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Rodgers | | |
| Mr. Francis | Sir Granville Ryrie | | |
| Mr. Gibson | Mr. Laird Smith | | |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Watt | | |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Wienholt | | |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wise | | |
| Mr. Hay | | | |
| Mr. Higgs | <i>Tellers:</i> | | |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. Mackay | | |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Story | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted before paragraph (a):—

“(aa) In section nineteen, sub-section (1.), line 4, of the Principal Act, the words ‘One hundred and fifty-six’ are omitted, and the words ‘Three hundred’ inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted before paragraph (a):—

“(aa) That section nineteen (1.) of the Income Tax Assessment Act be repealed, and the following sub-section inserted in its stead:—

‘19.—(1.) In the case of a person (other than a company, an absentee, or a person who is not married and has no dependants) there shall be deducted, in addition to the sums set forth in the last preceding section, the sum of Three hundred pounds.’”

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

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| Ayes, 15. | | Noes, 37. | |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Jackson |
| Mr. Blundell | Mr. Parker Moloney | Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lamond |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Nicholls | Mr. Bell | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Stewart | Mr. Bowden | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Considine | | Mr. Bruce | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Cunningham | <i>Tellers:</i> | Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Fenton | | Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. McWilliams |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Makin | Mr. Corser | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Lavelle | Mr. Watkins | Mr. Foley | Mr. Poynton |
| | | Mr. R. W. Foster | 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. Hay | |
| | | Mr. Higgs | |
| | | Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| | | Mr. Hughes | Mr. Mackay |
| | | Mr. Hunter | Mr. Story |

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added after paragraph (b):—

“(c) That section nineteen (2.) of the Income Tax Assessment Act be repealed, and the following sub-section inserted in its stead:—

‘19.—(2.) In the case of a person (not being a company or an absentee) who is not married and has no dependants, there shall be deducted, in addition to the sums set forth in the last preceding section, the sum of Two hundred pounds.’”

8th December, 1921.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

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| Ayes, 13. | |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Considine | |
| Mr. Cunningham | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Lavelle | |

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| Noes, 35. | |
| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Jackson |
| Mr. Blundell | Mr. Lamond |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. McWilliams |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Foley | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Gibson | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wienholt |
| Mr. Hay | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Higgs | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Story |

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 amended, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, after debate, by the omission (lines 42-3) of the words " paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section six,".

Mr. Charlton moved, as a further amendment, That after the word " Company " (page 10, line 3) the following words be inserted :—" shall be deemed to have come into operation on the date of the commencement of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1915* ".

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 6.

Question—put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

On recommitment—

Clause 6—

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (aa) be omitted.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

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| Ayes, 31. | |
| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Jackson |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Lamond |
| Mr. Blundell | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Foley | Mr. Rogers |
| Mr. Francis | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Gibson | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Wienholt |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Hay | |
| Mr. Higgs | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. Story |

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| Noes, 14. | |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lavelle |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. McWilliams |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Considine | |
| Mr. Cunningham | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Parker Moloney |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

8th and 9th December, 1921.

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 Reports and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1921).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 79.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1918*.

Melbourne, 6th December, 1921.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1915-1918*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Groom, was adopted by the House.

16. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1921).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

17. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70 *RE* NEW BUSINESS AFTER 11 P.M.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 be suspended.

Question—put and passed.

18. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1921.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1918*.

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.

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. Atkinson 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.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1921.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1921-22.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 101.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

9th December, 1921.

20. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Tariff Board Bill*]

Message No. 102.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Tariff Board,*” and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the amendments of the House of Representatives upon Amendment No. 7 of the Senate, and that the Senate does not insist upon its Amendment No. 1 disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

[*Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Bill*]

Message No. 103.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to carry into effect the Treaty of Peace with Hungary,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

[*Loans Redemption and Conversion Bill*]

Message No. 104.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the paying off, repurchasing, redeeming and converting of Loans and for other purposes,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

[*Loan Bill (No. 2) (1921) (£4,500,000)*]

Message No. 105.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the raising of the sum of Four million five hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1921)*]

Message No. 106.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

[*Funding Arrangements Bill*]

Message No. 107.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to approve the Agreement made between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Australia in relation to the repayment of the War indebtedness of the Commonwealth and for other purposes,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

9th December, 1921.

[Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1919-20]—

Message No. 108.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty," to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

[Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1919-20]—

Message No. 109.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

21. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Greene moved, That the duties of Customs which shall be imposed upon any goods which are imported into the Commonwealth from the Dominion of New Zealand, and are the produce or manufacture of that Dominion, and which are specified by the Governor-General by Proclamation, shall be the duties respectively specified in the column headed "British Preferential Tariff" of the Schedule to the Customs Tariff 1921.

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. Greene 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. Greene, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Greene and Mr. Laird Smith do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Greene then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on certain Goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Greene 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. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1921).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 80.

In accordance with section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives a proposed law intituled "An Act relating to the Duties of Customs," which has been presented to him for the King's Assent, and transmits the following amendments which he recommends to be made in the said proposed law.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED.

Page 4, clause 12, leave out sub-clause (3.).

Page 4, clause 13, leave out sub-clause (2.).

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Page 5, after clause 14, insert the following new clause :—

“ 15. This Act shall not affect the provisions of the Customs Tariff (South African Preference) 1906 (No. 17 of 1906), the Tariff proposals proposed in the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

3rd December, 1914—(Relating to the Tariff on goods imported from, and the produce or manufacture of, the Union of South Africa); and

25th September, 1918—(Relating to the Tariff on goods imported from, and the produce or manufacture of, the Union of South Africa),

and the duties imposed by that Act, and those proposals shall continue to be collected in accordance with that Act and those proposals :

Provided that no higher duty shall be payable under that Act or those proposals on any goods than the duty under the General Tariff in this Act :

Provided further that no duty shall be payable under that Act or those proposals on any goods which under the General Tariff in this Act are free of or exempt from duty.”

The Schedule, Tariff Items Nos. 136 (F), 137 (B), 147, 152 (A), 168 (B) (1), 194 (D), 197 (B), 278 (A) (1), 278 (B) (1), 279, 324 (A), 338, and 430, leave out “ 1st January, 1922 ” (wherever occurring), insert “ 31st March, 1922.”

The Schedule, Tariff Item No. 278 (A) (2), leave out “ 1st October, 1922,” insert “ 31st March, 1922.”

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Greene moved, That the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Greene, was adopted by the House.

23. IRON AND STEEL BOUNTY BILL (1921).—Mr. Greene moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Iron and Steel Bounty Act 1918*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Greene 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. Greene moved, by leave, 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. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX BILL (1921).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom—That a tax be imposed on income derived from sources in Australia at the following amounts and rates, namely :—

A.—RATE OF TAX UPON INCOME DERIVED FROM PERSONAL EXERTION.

For so much of the whole taxable income as does not exceed £7,600 the average rate of tax per pound sterling shall be Threepence and three eight-hundredths of one penny where the taxable income is One pound sterling, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of One pound sterling of the taxable income by three eight-hundredths of one penny.

The average rate of tax per pound sterling for so much of the taxable income as does not exceed £7,600 may be calculated from the following formula :—

R = average rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.

I = taxable income in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left(3 + \frac{3}{800}I \right) \text{ pence.}$$

For every pound sterling of taxable income in excess of £7,600 the rate of tax shall be Sixty pence.

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B.—RATE OF TAX UPON INCOME DERIVED FROM PROPERTY.

(a) For such part of the taxable income as does not exceed £546 the average rate of tax per pound sterling shall be that given by the following formula :—

R = average rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.

I = taxable income in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left(3 + \frac{I}{181.058} \right) \text{ pence.}$$

(b) For such part of the taxable income as exceeds £546, but does not exceed £2,000, the additional tax for each additional pound of taxable income above £546 shall increase continuously with the increase of the taxable income in a curve of the second degree in such a manner that the increase of tax for One pound increase of taxable income shall be—

11.713 pence for the pound sterling between £545 10s. Od. and £546 10s. Od.

12.768 pence for the pound sterling between £599 10s. Od. and £600 10s. Od.

14.672 pence for the pound sterling between £699 10s. Od. and £700 10s. Od.

16.512 pence for the pound sterling between £799 10s. Od. and £800 10s. Od.

18.288 pence for the pound sterling between £899 10s. Od. and £900 10s. Od.

20.000 pence for the pound sterling between £999 10s. Od. and £1,000 10s. Od.

27.600 pence for the pound sterling between £1,499 10s. Od. and £1,500 10s. Od.

33.600 pence for the pound sterling between £1,999 10s. Od. and £2,000 10s. Od.

(c) For such part of the taxable income as exceeds £2,000, but does not exceed £6,500, the additional tax for each additional pound of taxable income above £2,000 shall increase continuously with the increase of the taxable income in a curve of the third degree in such a manner that the increase of tax for One pound increase of taxable income shall be—

33.600 pence for the pound sterling between £1,999 10s. Od. and £2,000 10s. Od.

40.000 pence for the pound sterling between £2,499 10s. Od. and £2,500 10s. Od.

45.300 pence for the pound sterling between £2,999 10s. Od. and £3,000 10s. Od.

49.600 pence for the pound sterling between £3,499 10s. Od. and £3,500 10s. Od.

53.000 pence for the pound sterling between £3,999 10s. Od. and £4,000 10s. Od.

55.600 pence for the pound sterling between £4,499 10s. Od. and £4,500 10s. Od.

57.500 pence for the pound sterling between £4,999 10s. Od. and £5,000 10s. Od.

58.800 pence for the pound sterling between £5,499 10s. Od. and £5,500 10s. Od.

59.600 pence for the pound sterling between £5,999 10s. Od. and £6,000 10s. Od.

60.000 pence for the pound sterling between £6,499 10s. Od. and £6,500 10s. Od.

(d) For every pound sterling of taxable income in excess of £6,500 the rate of tax shall be Sixty pence.

C.—RATES OF TAX IN RESPECT OF TAXABLE INCOME DERIVED PARTLY FROM PERSONAL EXERTION AND PARTLY FROM PROPERTY.

(a) For every pound sterling of taxable income derived from personal exertion, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Subdivision A if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from personal exertion by the amount of the total taxable income.

(b) For every pound sterling of taxable income derived from property, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under Subdivision B if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from property by the amount of the total taxable income.

D.—ADDITIONAL TAX.

In addition to the tax payable under the preceding provisions, there shall be payable, in the case of incomes in respect of which the tax is calculated under the foregoing provisions, an additional tax equal to twenty-five per centum of the amount of the tax so calculated.

E.—SUPER TAX.

In addition to any tax (including additional tax, if any) payable under the preceding provisions, there shall be payable a super tax equal to thirty per centum of the total amount of the tax so payable.

F.—ADDITIONAL SUPER TAX.

In addition to any tax (including additional tax and super tax, if any) payable under the preceding provisions, there shall be payable an additional super tax equal to five per centum of the total amount of the tax so payable.

G.—TAX PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF A CASH PRIZE IN A LOTTERY.

There shall be payable in respect of a cash prize in a lottery won after the commencement of the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, income tax to the amount of fourteen per centum of the gross prize money.

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H.—RATES OF TAX UPON THE INCOME OF A COMPANY.

(a) For every pound sterling of the taxable income of a Company which has not been distributed to the members or shareholders of the Company the rate of tax shall be Two shillings and eightpence.

(b) For every pound sterling of the income of a Company distributed to the members shareholders or stockholders of the Company who are absentees, and of interest paid or credited by the Company to any person who is an absentee in respect of debentures of the Company, or on money lodged at interest with the Company by such person, the rate of tax shall be Eightpence.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

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

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

Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Impose Taxes upon Incomes,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

25. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—REPATRIATION LOAN BILL [£10,000,000].—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 81.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Ten million pounds for Repatriation of Soldiers.

Melbourne, 6th December, 1921.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Ten million pounds for Repatriation of Soldiers.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Rodgers 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. Rodgers, was adopted by the House.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

9th December, 1921.

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. Rodgers, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RETURNED SOLDIERS' WOOLLEN COMPANY LOAN BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 82.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the making of a Loan to the Geelong R.S. and S. Woollen and Worsted Co-operative Manufacturing Coy. Limited.

Melbourne, 8th December, 1921.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the making of a Loan to the Geelong R.S. and S. Woollen and Worsted Co-operative Manufacturing Coy. Limited.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Rodgers 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. Rodgers, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Rodgers 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. Rodgers 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. Rodgers, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

27. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua—Ordinance of 1921—No. 15—Appropriation 1921–1922.
28. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Fremantle (Mr. Burchell) on the ground of urgent private business.
Question—put and passed.
29. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) (1921).—Mr. Rodgers moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section twenty-three of the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Rodgers brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

9th December, 1921.

Mr. Rodgers moved, by leave, 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Bell moved, as an amendment, That the words "for at least six months" (page 2, line 1) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

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| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Foley | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Greene | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Hay | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Hughes | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Jackson | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Lamond | Mr. Story |

Noes, 20.

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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Blundell | Mr. Wienholt |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | |
| Mr. Charlton | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Considine | Mr. Bowden |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Fenton |
| Mr. Gibson | |
| Mr. Hunter | |
| Mr. Lavelle | |
| Mr. Lazzarini | |
| Mr. Makin | |
| Mr. McWilliams | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Cunningham moved, as an amendment, That the words "substantially" (page 2, line 4) be omitted.

Amendment agreed to, after debate.

Mr. Earle Page moved, as a further amendment, That the words "to any material degree" be inserted after the word "contributed" (page 2, line 4).

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 35.

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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Jowett |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lamond |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Blundell | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. McWilliams |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Foley | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Gibson | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wienholt |
| Mr. Hay | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. Story |
| Mr. Jackson | |

Noes, 12.

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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Considine | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Parker Maloney |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Lavelle | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Rodgers 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. Rodgers, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read the third time.

30. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 13, Government Business.

9th December, 1921.

31. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1921).—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 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Cunningham moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—“ and the jury list for all High Court cases shall be compiled from persons qualified to vote for a Representative to the Commonwealth Parliament.”

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

Ayes, 9.

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| Mr. J. H. Catts | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Charlton | |
| Mr. Cunningham | |
| Mr. Fenton | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lavelle | Mr. Considine |
| Mr. Makin | Mr. Parker Moloney. |

Noes, 30.

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| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Jowett |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Lamond |
| Mr. Blundell | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Foley | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Francis | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wienholt |
| Mr. Hay | Mr. Wise. |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Hughes | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Jackson | Mr. Story. |

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Title 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 stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

32. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1920-21.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one,*” to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921, a.m.

33. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL (1921).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 112.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to Amend the Trading with the Enemy Act 1914-1916,*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921, a.m.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Greene moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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Mr. Greene 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, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

34. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS BILL (1921).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the Patents Act 1903-1909 and for other purposes,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921, a.m.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

35. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1920-21.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 113.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1921, a.m.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

36. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until noon this day.

Question—put and passed.

37. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at noon.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Burchell*, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Tudor.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.