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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 35.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1922.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.**—Mr. Corser, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

**REPORT.**

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament, recommend that the following be printed:—

- \* Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Balance-sheet and basis of preparation of same.
- Commonwealth Factories—Substituted Statement in connexion with Woollen Cloth Factory.
- Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1921.
- Immigration Act—Return for 1921.
- Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Report for 1921-22.
- Wireless Communication—Report of Parliamentary Committee.
- Nationality Act—Return for 1921.
- \* Shipbuilding Contract—Kidman and Mayoh—Terms of reference.
- Shipbuilding Contract—Kidman and Mayoh—Award of Sir Mark Sheldon.
- War Service Homes Act—
  - Agreement with State Savings Bank of Victoria.
  - Arrangement with Government of Western Australia.

\* Presented to House of Representatives only.

E. B. C. CORSER,  
Chairman.

Senate Committee Room,  
14th September, 1922.

Mr. Corser moved, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Sugar—Letter from Mrs. Glencross, President of the Housewives' Association, forwarding resolution protesting against the high price of sugar and Government control of trade.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
  - Shipping—Report on the operations of the Inter-State Central Committee (Inter-State Shipping).
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.**—Mr. Charlton, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the next general election, and particularly with regard to the attitude of the Opposition concerning the submission to the electors of proposed laws to amend the Constitution.
5. **WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1922).**—Mr. Lamond, pursuant to leave given on the 7th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'War Service Homes Act 1918-1920'*," 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 the next sitting.

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## 6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Papua—Annual Report for the year 1920–21.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

High Court Procedure Act—Rule of Court—Rule *re* Sitting—Dated 29th August, 1922.

Iron and Steel Bounty Act—Return (New South Wales) for 1921–22.

## 7. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION 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 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 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the word “not” (line 1) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Marks
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hugnes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Riley
Mr. Scullin	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Granville Ryrie, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

## 8. 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. 19.*

A Bill intituled “*Defence Retirement Act 1922*,” 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.

Sydney, 13th September, 1922

## 9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1922–23.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 20.*

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-three*,” to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 14th September, 1922.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

• 14th September, 1922.

10. ELECTORAL BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Charlton 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.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL (1922).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Bruce moved, That in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Entertainments Tax Act* 1916-1919 upon payments for admission to entertainments there be imposed upon such payments as from the second day of October One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two a tax at the following rates, namely :—

Payment for Admission (excluding the amount of tax).	Rate of Tax.
One shilling	One penny.
Exceeding one shilling	One penny for the first shilling and one half-penny for every sixpence or part of sixpence by which the payment exceeds one shilling.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Riley
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Charlton	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Corser	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story

Noes, 5.

Mr. Robert Cook  
Mr. Hill  
Mr. Wienholt

*Tellers.*

Mr. McWilliams  
Mr. Prowse

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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. Bruce 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. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Bruce then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Entertainments Tax Act 1916-1919'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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12. **ELECTORAL BILL (1922).**—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.  
Mr. Earle Page addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member 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.

13. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MEAT EXPORT BOUNTIES BILL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the payment of Bounties on the Export of Beef and Cattle from the Commonwealth,*" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 14th September, 1922.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. **CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1922).**—Mr. Rodgers, pursuant to an order of the House made on the 13th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for An Act relating to Duties of Customs,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Rodgers 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, 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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.  
16. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—LAND TAX BILL (1922).**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Land Tax Bill (1922) was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, was discharged.  
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.  
17. **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.*

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of 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 provide Superannuation Benefits for Persons employed by the Commonwealth and to make provision for the families of those persons.

Melbourne, 13th September, 1922.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven 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. Bell, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Foley, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle\*, Mr. Makin, Mr. Nicholls, and Mr. West.

\* On leave.

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