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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1922.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
3. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1922)—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 14 debated.

Mr. Blundell moved, as an amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to sub-clause (1):—

“(m) the income of any society or association established for the teaching of swimming or for the purposes of encouraging swimming and life-saving and not carried on for the purposes of profit or gain of individual members thereof.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, after debate, the following amendment was made:—

Page 8, line 19, after “taxpayer” insert “in respect of each article”.

Mr. Bowden moved, as a further amendment, That after the word “distributed” (page 8, line 26) the words “by the company” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, further debated.

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as a further amendment, That the words “any profit derived from any source by the company” (page 8, lines 27 28) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words “assessable income” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, further debated.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following further amendment was made:—

Page 9, paragraph (b), sub-paragraph (i), add the following proviso:—

“Provided also that where a dividend or bonus is paid wholly and exclusively out of the profits arising from the sale of capital assets a member or shareholder shall not be liable to tax on that dividend or bonus.”

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On the motion of Mr. Bruce, after debate, the following further amendment was made:—

Page 9, paragraph (b), sub-paragraph (ii), line 11, omit "profits" insert "assessable income".

Mr. Fleming moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be inserted after paragraph (b):—" (bb) for the purposes of computing profits, perishable products or live stock shall not be taken into account until realized upon.".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bell	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Fleming	
Mr. Gabb	Tellers:
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lister	Mr. Makin
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Riley

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Foley	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Groom	Mr. Watt
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	Tellers:
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Fleming moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be inserted after paragraph (b):—" (bc) it shall be optional whether natural increase be taken into account at fixed value or when realized upon.".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Hill	Tellers:
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Makin
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Parker Moloney

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Foley	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	Tellers:
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Marr

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause, as amended, further debated.

Mr. Bowden moved, as a further amendment, That the word "tangible" (page 9, line 31) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following further amendment was made:—

Page 9, line 36, omit "in the opinion of the Commissioner".

Mr. Prowse moved, as a further amendment, That the words "the Commissioner is satisfied that" (page 9, lines 42-3) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following further amendment was made:—

Page 10, line 23, omit "taxpayer", insert "person".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 20 agreed to.

Clause 21—

Mr. Bowden moved, as an amendment, That after the word "year" (page 14, line 21) the words "or within a reasonable time thereafter" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on clause ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, after debate, the following amendments were made:—

Line 23, after "further sum" insert "(not exceeding the excess of two-thirds of the taxable income of the company over the amount distributed by it to its members or shareholders)".

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Sub-clause (1), add at the end the following words :—

“ such determination in the case of any financial year prior to that beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two to be made not later than the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and in the case of other financial years within six months after the date of the issue to the company of its ordinary assessment.”

Line 35, after “ consideration ” insert “ the relation between the distributable income of the company and its taxable income and ”.

Page 15, after sub-clause (5.) add the following new sub-clauses :—

“ (6.) Where in any year by virtue of sub-section (2.) of section sixteen of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1915, or of that sub-section, as amended by the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1918, any part of the income of a company not actually distributed has been deemed to be distributed to any member or shareholder of the company, his taxable income shall be reduced—

(a) by one-third of the total amount of the income of the company actually distributed to him and of the income of the company so deemed to be distributed to him ; or

(b) by the amount of the income of the company so deemed to be distributed to him,

whichever is the less ; and the Commissioner shall refund to him the tax over-paid, and the company shall repay to the Commissioner the tax previously refunded to it or dealt with as it directed in respect of the total amount of income to be excluded from the assessments of the shareholders of the company under this sub-section.”

“ (7.) This section shall also apply to all assessments hereafter to be made in respect of any financial year prior to that beginning on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 22 debated.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, after debate, the following amendments were made :—

Line 17, omit “ financial year ”, insert “ accounting period ”.

Line 32, omit “ financial year ”, insert “ accounting period ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 23 debated.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendment was made :—

Line 23, omit “ and War-time profits tax ”.

On the motion of Mr. Watt, the following further amendment was made :—

Line 29, after “ paragraph ” insert “ other than Federal income tax ”.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, after debate, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 17, paragraph (e), omit the paragraph and insert the following new paragraph :—

“ (e) such sum as the Commissioner thinks just and reasonable as representing the diminished value per centum by wear and tear during the year in which the income was derived of any machinery, implements, utensils, rolling-stock and articles used by the taxpayer for the purpose of producing income ; such wear and tear not being of a kind that may be made good by repairs :

Provided that where a deduction has been allowed under paragraph (d) of this section, the Commissioner shall take into consideration the sum allowed under that paragraph in determining the sum to be allowed under this paragraph :

Provided further that where in any business income is set apart by the taxpayer by way of a fund to cover depreciation under any of the headings mentioned in this paragraph, the amount so set apart for the year in which the income was derived shall, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, be the sum to be deducted for depreciation ; ”.

Clause, as amended, further debated.

Mr. West moved, as a further amendment, That sub-paragraph (ii) (page 18, lines 4-7) be omitted.

Question—That the sub-paragraph be omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Makin
Mr. Riley	Mr. McGrath

Noes, 29.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

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Clause, as amended, further debated.

Mr. Charlton moved, as a further amendment, that the word "Thirty" (page 3, line 29) be omitted. Debate ensued.

Question—That the word "Thirty" be omitted—put and passed.

Mr. Fenton moved, That the word "Sixty" be inserted in place of the word omitted.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Mathews	

Tellers:

Mr. McGrath
Mr. Riley

Noes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hunter	

Tellers:

Mr. Mackay
Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Jowett moved, That the word "Fifty-two" be inserted in place of the word omitted.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Considine	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Mathews	

Tellers:

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. McGrath

Noes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hunter	

Tellers:

Mr. Mackay
Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Mr. McGrath moved, That the word "Forty-five" be inserted in place of the word omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Considine	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Mathews	

Tellers:

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. McGrath

Noes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hunter	

Tellers:

Mr. Mackay
Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

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On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the word "Forty" was inserted in place of the word omitted.

Mr. Considine moved, as a further amendment, That after the word "received" (line 31) the words "and/or a parent" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Brennan
Mr. Charlton
Mr. Cons'dine
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Riley
Mr. Scullin

Mr. Stewart
Mr. Watkins
Mr. West

Tellers:

Mr. Makin
Mr. McGrath

Noes, 34.

Mr. Bayley
Mr. Bell
Mr. Blundell
Mr. Bowden
Mr. Bruce
Mr. Donald Cameron
Mr. Robert Cook
Mr. Corser
Mr. Fleming
Mr. Foley
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Gibson
Mr. Greene
Mr. Groom
Mr. Hay
Mr. Higgs
Mr. Hill
Mr. Hughes

Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson
Mr. Lamond
Mr. Lister
Mr. Livingston
Mr. Marks
Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Poynton
Mr. Pratten
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Rodgers
Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. La'rd Smith
Mr. Watt

Tellers:

Mr. Mackay
Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Fenton moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to sub-clause (1.) :—

"(o) Any taxpayer (whose income does not exceed Eight hundred pounds per ^{Deductions} annum) shall be allowed by the Commissioner of Taxation as a deduction from his income any sum or sums of money paid to any legally qualified medical practitioner, public or private hospital, nurse or chemist in respect of the illness of or any operation upon the taxpayer or his wife or any member of his family under the age of twenty-one years, and in addition in the event of the death of the wife of the taxpayer or of the death of any member of his family under the age of twenty-one years, any sum of money not exceeding thirty pounds paid to any undertaker for funeral and burial expenses".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Charlton
Mr. Cons'dine
Mr. Robert Cook
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Gibson
Mr. Hill
Mr. Jowett

Mr. Prowse
Mr. Riley
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Watkins
Mr. West

Tellers:

Mr. Makin
Mr. McGrath

Noes, 26

Mr. Bayley
Mr. Bell
Mr. Blundell
Mr. Bowden
Mr. Bruce
Mr. Donald Cameron
Mr. Corser
Mr. Fleming
Mr. Foley
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Greene
Mr. Groom
Mr. Hay
Mr. Higgs

Mr. Hughes
Mr. Lamond
Mr. Lister
Mr. Livingston
Mr. Marks
Mr. Poynton
Mr. Pratten
Mr. Rodgers
Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Watt

Tellers:

Mr. Mackay
Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Fenton moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to sub-clause (1.) :—

"(p) Any taxpayer who removes from one State to another in search of employment or to follow his usual occupation or business, and incurs expense for railway or steamer fares, shall be allowed as a deduction any sum or sums of money paid by him in respect of such fares either for himself, his wife, and any member of his family under the age of twenty-one years, and also in addition any moneys paid for railway or steamer freights for the removal of his household furniture, goods, chattels, and effects."

Debate ensued.

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Makin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Scullin	Mr. McGrath

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Foley	Mr. Stewart
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Marr

And so it was negative.

Mr. Pratten moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to sub-clause (1.) :—

“(oo) in the case of an athletic sporting body or association not carried on for the purpose of profit or gain to the individual members thereof, and not being a swimming or life-saving body or association, sums proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner (whose decision shall be final) to have been expended for the purpose of promoting the improvement or development of the sport.”

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	
Mr. Cunningham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Jowett	Mr. McGrath

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Foley	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Lister	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Marr

And so it was negative.

Mr. Prowse moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to sub-clause (1.) :—

“(ooo) Sums paid in respect of medical attendance where the taxpayer resides not less than five miles from a medical practitioner.”

Amendment negated.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 24—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words “by which the income exceeds Two hundred pounds” (lines 22-23) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—“with a further deduction of One hundred pounds in the case of a married man”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Considine	
Mr. Cunningham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Makin	Mr. McGrath

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lister	Mr. Marr

And so it was negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 27 agreed to.

Clause 28—

On the motion of Mr. Watt, after debate, the following amendment was made:—

Add the following new sub-clause (3.)—

“(3.) A taxpayer who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioner under this section may require the Commissioner to refer his case to a Board of Appeal, and the Commissioner shall refer the case accordingly.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 29 to 40 agreed to.

Clause 41 debated and agreed to.

Clause 42 agreed to.

Clause 43 debated.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after twelve o'clock midnight—

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Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 44, 45 and 46 agreed to.

Clause 47 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 48, 49 and 50 agreed to.

Clause 51 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 52 to 57 agreed to.

Clause 58 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 59 to 66 agreed to.

Clause 67 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 68 to 101 agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 47.

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 recommittal—

Clause 47—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendment was made:—

Line 13, after “extent,” insert “but not exceeding the sum of Ten thousand pounds per annum.”.

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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.

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

4. 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. 30.

Bills intituled—

“Customs Act 1922”,
“Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) 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 Acts.

Government House,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1922.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPERANNUATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 35.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide Superannuation Benefits for Persons employed by the Commonwealth and to make provision for the families of those persons," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set out in Schedule A annexed.

The Senate desires to inform the House that the Amendments set out in Schedule B annexed have been made by the Senate in the Bill.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 10th October, 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1922).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 36.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law regulating the Public Service, and for other purposes," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to Nos. 1 to 88, 90, 91, and 93 to 109 of the amendments made by the House of Representatives therein; has disagreed to Amendment No. 89, and has agreed to Amendment No. 92 with a consequential amendment to clause 84, as set out in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect to the amendment disagreed to, and the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the consequential amendment to clause 84.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 10th October, 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.

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

Public Service Act—Seventeenth Report on the Public Service, by the Acting Commissioner.

Ordered to be printed.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 144.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 145, 148.

8. COMMONWEALTH SHIPPING BILL.—Mr. Greene, for Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the twenty-ninth ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act relating to the Commonwealth Shipping Line", 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Nicholls*, Mr. Story, Mr. Wienholt, and Mr. Wise.

* On leave.

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