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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1925.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1925).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Melbourne, 15th September, 1925.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BILL (1925).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Naval Construction.

Melbourne, 15th September, 1925.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

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

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 155, 156, 157, 158, 159.

Tariff Board Act—Further Schedule of Recommendations by the Tariff Board (supplementary to the Report laid on the Table on 4th instant) in regard to the following:—Olives imported in bulk for bottling; Cherries in brine; Towels and Towelling; Textile Articles (Napery); Antimony; Eyelets; Mining Machinery Parts; Cash Registers; Incandescent Mantles; Marble; Bleached Shellac; Imitation Oil Paintings.

Ordered—That the Recommendations with regard to Towels and Towelling; Mining Machinery Parts; be printed.

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5. ELECTORAL BILL (1925).—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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 1, lines 11–12, omit “ inserting in sub-section (5.) thereof after the word ‘ Asia ’ the words ‘ (except British India) ’ ” insert “ omitting from sub-section (5.) thereof the words ‘ unless so entitled under section forty-one of the Constitution ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ unless—

(a) he is so entitled under section forty-one of the Constitution ;

(b) he is a native of British India ; or

(c) he is a person to whom a certificate of naturalization has been issued under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State and that certificate is still in force, or is a person who obtained British nationality by virtue of the issue of any such certificate ’ ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clauses—

Mr. Marr moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

3. Section forty-one of the Principal Act is amended—

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- (a) by inserting in sub-section (4.) thereof, after the word “ Act ”, the letter “ (a) ” ; and
(b) by adding at the end of that sub-section the following paragraph :—

“ and (b) any Senator who lives in the Territory for the Seat of Government may, if he so desires, have his name placed upon and retained upon the roll for any Subdivision of any Division in the State which he represents and any Member of the House of Representatives who lives in the Territory for the Seat of Government may, if he so desires, have his name placed upon and retained upon the roll for any Subdivision of the Division which he represents.”.

Debate ensued.

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

“ and (c) any person qualified as a voter in other respects who lives in the Territory for the Seat of Government, if he so desires may have his name placed upon and retained upon the roll for any Subdivision in the State for which such person would have been entitled to be enrolled but for his residence in the Territory of the Seat of Government.”

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Bayley	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Proowe
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Charles McDonald	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Whitsitt
		Sir Littleton Groom	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Robert Cook
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

New clause added to the Bill.

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On the motion of Mr. Marr, the following new clauses were added to the Bill :—

4. Section sixty-nine of the Principal Act is repealed, and the following section inserted in its stead :—

“ 69.—(1.) The qualifications of a Member of the House of Qualifications of Members of the House of Representatives. Representatives shall be as follows :—

- (a) He must be of the full age of twenty-one years ;
- (b) He must be a subject of the King, either natural born or for at least five years naturalized under a law of the United Kingdom or of the Commonwealth ;
- (c) He must have been for three years at the least a resident within the limits of the Commonwealth as existing at the time when he is chosen ; and
- (d) He must be either—
 - (i) an elector entitled to vote at the election of Members of the House of Representatives ;
 - (ii) a person qualified to become such elector ; or
 - (iii) a person who lives in the Territory for the Seat of Government, and has so lived for a period of one month.

(2.) To entitle a person to be nominated as a Senator or a Member of the House of Representatives he must have the qualifications specified in the last preceding sub-section.”

5. Section seventy-three of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in Requisites for nomination. paragraph (a) thereof, after the word “ Constitution ”, the words “ and the laws of the Commonwealth.”

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Marr moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay. X

Question - put and passed.

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

6. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1925).—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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1925).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 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 twenty-four, thirty-one, forty-five and forty-seven of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1923*.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, 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. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend sections twenty-four, thirty-one, forty-five and forty-seven of the *Invalid and Old-Age Pensions Act 1908-1923*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay. X

Question—put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Earle Page 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. Earle Page 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—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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—
Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Marks,
Mr. Maxwell, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. West.

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