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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY, 1918.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Commonwealth Line of Steamships—Return showing Voyages made and Cargoes carried from October, 1916, to date.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during the year ended 30th June, 1917.
Ordered to be printed.
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund Act—Report of the Board of Trustees, March, 1918.
Defence Act—Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 102.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Mont Park, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Norfolk Island—Ordinance of 1918—No. 3.—Patriotic Funds.
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 100, 101, 103, 104.
3. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Watt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Higgs moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned.—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY LANDS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Glynn 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.
- Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
- Clause 3 agreed to.
- Clause 4 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word "Minister" wherever occurring, and the insertion of the word "Commissioner" in place thereof.
- Clause, as amended, agreed to.
- Clause 5 agreed to.
- Clause 6 debated and agreed to.
- Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

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Clause 9 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word "Minister" and the insertion of the word "Commissioner" in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word "Minister" wherever occurring, and the insertion of the word "Commissioner" in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word "Minister" (line 19) and the insertion of the word "Commissioner" in place thereof; and by the omission of the word "shall" (line 21) and the insertion of the word "may" in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 12 amended, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, by the omission of the word "Minister" and the insertion of the word "Commissioner" in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 13, 14, and 15 agreed to.

New Clause—

Mr. Glynn moved, That the following New Clause be added to the Bill to stand as Clause 7A :—

7A.—(1.) Compensation payable under this Act shall bear interest at the rate of three per centum per annum for the period for interest hereinafter set forth.

(2.) The period for interest shall commence on the date of the publication in the *Gazette* of the notice specified in section four of this Act.

(3.) The period for interest shall expire—

(a) on the date when payment of compensation is made to the claimant; or

(b) in the event of there being a dispute between the Commissioner and the claimant as to the amount of compensation and the arbitrator awarding an amount not greater than the highest amount offered by the Commissioner in satisfaction of the claim on the date when the offer is made to the claimant.

Question—put and passed.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed, Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

5. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1918).—Mr. Groom, pursuant to leave given on the 26th April last, last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1916,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. LANDS ACQUISITION (DEFENCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Laird Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4, 5, and 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1915-16.—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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule debated—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott*^a, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Burchell*^a, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming*^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Page, Brigadier-General Ryrie*^a, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Yates*^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.