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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (1918) [£1,242,194].—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 75.

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 One million two hundred and forty-two thousand one hundred and ninety-four pounds for certain purposes.

Melbourne, October, 1918.

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

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Treasurers' Conference, Melbourne, July, 1918—Summary of Proceedings.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 244, 245.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL (1918).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Watt moved, That, in lieu of the rates of tax imposed by the *Entertainments Tax Act 1916* upon payments for admissions to entertainments, there be imposed upon such payments, as from a date to be fixed by proclamation, a tax at the following rates, namely :—

Payment for Admission (excluding the amount of tax).	Rate of Tax.
Not exceeding one shilling	One penny.
Exceeding one shilling	One penny for the first shilling and one halfpenny for every sixpence or part of sixpence by which the payment exceeds one shilling.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Higgs moved, as an amendment, That the words " Exceeding fivepence and " be inserted before the words " Not exceeding one shilling."

Debate continued.

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews	Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Finlayson		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Lamond		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lynch	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Kelly	Mr. Story
		Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Higgs moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion, "Provided that no tax shall be imposed on payments made by or on behalf of children of the age of 16 years and under".

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews	Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Considine	Mr. Riley	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Higgs		Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Lynch	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story
		Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 14.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Fenton	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson		

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.

10th October, 1918.

On the motion of Mr. Watt, pursuant to contingent notice, the Standing Orders were, after debate, suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay. The Resolution from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Entertainments Tax Act 1916,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put—

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 14.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. John Thomson		

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.)

Clause 1—

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.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10 (Government Business).
6. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1918-19.

Mr. Watt moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1918-19 a sum not exceeding £4,537,700.

Debate ensued.

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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (No. 2) (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 65.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Defence Act 1903-1918,’*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1918.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

10th October, 1918.

8. DEFENCE BILL (No. 2) (1918).—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.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Service and Execution of Process Act 1901-1912'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1918.

10. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1918).—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.

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

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

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 239, 259, 260.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 238, 250, 257.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past 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. Anstey*, Mr. Burchell*^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming*^a, Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Rodgers, Brigadier-General Ryrie*^a, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates*^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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