

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 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. *HANSARD*—CENSORING OF.—Mr. Speaker made a statement to the House with reference to the allegation made by the honorable Member for Cook (Mr. J. H. Catts) in connexion with the censoring of *Hansard*.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

[*Control of Naval Waters Bill*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 80.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Control of Naval Waters*," 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.

Government House,
27th November, 1918.

[*Service and Execution of Process Bill* (1918)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 81.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Service and Execution of Process Act 1901-1912'*," 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.

Government House,
27th November, 1918.

4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Repatriation Department—Report giving Summary of Activities from 5th April, 1918, to 31st October, 1918.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 303.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—

Casterton, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Mooroopna, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Public Service Act—Promotion of S. E. Deegan, Postmaster-General's Department.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 286.

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5. **IRON AND STEEL BOUNTY BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Greene 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—

Mr. Page moved, as an amendment, That the words "or iron" be inserted after the words "black steel" (line 8).

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause further debated, and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the word "fifteen" (line 13) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "ten" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Atkinson*	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Leckie	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lister	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Story

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Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 11, 12 and 13 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Greene the House adopted the Report and, the Standing Orders having been suspended, (see page 373, entry No. 11, Votes and Proceedings) the Bill was read a third time.

6. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.**—NAVAL DEFENCE BILL (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 76.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Naval Defence Act 1910-1912'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th November, 1918.

Mr. Greene 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.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Orders of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and other documents, in connexion with complaints submitted by—

The Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association (dated 1st November, 1918).

The Postal Sorters' Union of Australia (dated 1st November, 1918).

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8. DISTILLATION BILL (1918).—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Greene moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—"except as to registration".

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 13 agreed to.

Clause 14—

Mr. Greene moved, as an amendment, That the following words be omitted (lines 7 and 8), "for the protection of the revenue, be subject to the right of supervision by an officer", with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"unless exempted in writing by the Collector, be carried on in the presence of an officer".

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15—

Mr. Greene moved, as an amendment, That the words "is repealed," be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"is amended by omitting paragraph (i.) thereof".

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 16, 17 and 18 agreed to.

New clause—

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

"19. Schedule III. to the Principal Act is repealed."

Repeal of
Schedule III.

Question—put and passed.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

9. SPIRITS BILL (1918).—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—

Mr. Greene moved, as an amendment, That the words "of the British Pharmacopœia" (line 13) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 7 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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10. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watt called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present. The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m. adjourned the House until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burchell*(a), Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming*(a), Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Brigadier-General Ryrie*(a), Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates*(a).

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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