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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 26.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 4TH MAY, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. OIL AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 28th ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to approve the agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited,*" 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.
3. THE GREAT WAR—VOTE OF THANKS TO THE SEA, LAND, AND AIR FORCES, AND THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND OTHERS.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, moved the following motion, *as amended* :—

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the officers, warrant officers, petty officers, and men of the Royal Australian Navy for their heroic services during four years of war in the guardianship of Australia and her commerce from the attacks of a lawless foe, for their unceasing vigilance in the patrol of many seas, for their courage and skill in safely conveying their soldier comrades to the main theatres of operations, and for their efficient co-operation with the Grand Fleet of the Empire.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the Australian Imperial Force for their unrivalled courage and efficiency, their cheerful endurance of unexampled hardships, and their magnificent achievements throughout four years of strenuous effort, with their comrades of the other portions of the British Empire, in upholding the cause of human liberty.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Australian Air Force for their brilliant, daring, and conspicuous services over sea and land.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the members of the Australian Army Medical Corps for the skilful discharge of their humane office, and for the unprecedented success which attended their unremitting labours to preserve the armed Forces of Australia from the ravages of disease.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the women of the medical and other auxiliary services for their devotion in tending the sick and wounded and for other duties faithfully and bravely discharged.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the fathers, mothers, wives, and sisters of Australia's sailors and soldiers, for their devotion, their service, and their sacrifices.

That this House records its deep appreciation of the efforts and gifts of the women, men, and children of Australia, for the mitigation of the hardships endured by sailors and soldiers, and for the alleviation of the sufferings of the sick and wounded.

That the thanks of this House be also accorded to the men who enlisted for Home Service, the Munition and War Workers, the Mercantile Marine, the Royal Naval Auxiliary Forces, and the Citizen Forces called up for Garrison Artillery Work.

That this House acknowledges with deep reverence and submission the heroism of those who have fallen in the service of their country, and tenders its profound sympathy to their relatives in the hour of their sorrow and their pride.

That the foregoing resolutions be conveyed to the officers, men, and others referred to therein.

Mr. Tudor seconded, and Mr. McWilliams supported the motion, which was passed by all honorable Members standing in silence.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO WAR GRATUITY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

*Message No. 10.*

A Bill intituled "*War Gratuity Act 1920*," 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.

Federal Government House,  
Melbourne, 30th April, 1920.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Convention revising the General Act of Berlin, 26th February, 1885, and the General Act and Declaration of Brussels, 2nd July, 1890, signed at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 10th September, 1919.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—

Awards and Orders made by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and other documents in the following cases :—

- Arms Explosives and Muniton Workers' Federation of Australia. (Dated 30th March, 1920.)
- Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Association, and the Commonwealth Postmasters' Association. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association—  
(Dated 30th March, 1920.)  
(Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Australian Letter Carriers' Association. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Australian Postal Electricians' Union—  
(Dated 1st March, 1920.)  
(Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Australian Postal Linesmen's Union. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Commonwealth General Division Telephone Officers' Association. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association. (Dated 9th April, 1920) (two.)
- Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia. (Dated 9th April, 1920) (three.)
- General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department of Australia. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Line Inspectors' Association—Commonwealth of Australia. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Meat Inspectors' Association—Commonwealth Public Service. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)
- Postal Sorters' Union of Australia. (Dated 9th April, 1920.)

Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 59.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—North Preston, Victoria—For Repatriation purposes.

Papua—Ordinance of 1920—No. 1.—Land.

6. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (1920)—[SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 7].—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 7—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to further consider the Amendments (see pages 135-6 ante)—

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Poynton, That Amendment No. 30 be not insisted on, viz. :—

*Amendment of the House of Representatives disagreed to by the Senate, viz. :—*

No. 30.—Page 14, after clause 47, insert the following clause, 47A :—

"47A.—The Commission shall, subject to the approval of the Minister, <sup>Establishment of</sup> have power to assist soldiers in establishing industries on a co-operative basis, <sup>industries.</sup> such industries to include the manufacture of boots, woollen goods, and clothing, tanning, wool-scouring, fellmongering (and kindred industries), sawmilling, and other enterprises."

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Mr. Higgs moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion [that Amendment No. 30 be not insisted on], "but that, as an alternative amendment, the following clause be inserted in the Bill:—

'47A.—(1.) The Commission shall, subject to the approval of the <sup>Establishment of</sup> Minister, have power to assist soldiers by way of loan to the extent of pound <sup>industries.</sup> for pound contributed by them in cash or war bonds for the purpose of establishing industries on a co-operative basis, such industries to include the manufacture of boots, woollen goods, and clothing, tanning, wool-scouring, fellmongering (and kindred industries), sawmilling, and other enterprises.

'(2.) The regulations may prescribe the conditions upon which any loan granted in pursuance of this section shall be repayable.'

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Stewart
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Hill	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise	Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Fowler		Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Groom		Mr. Mathews	Mr. Gibson
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Kerby	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion, as amended, debated.

Mr. Jowett moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion as amended:—"such industries and enterprises mentioned in sub-clause (1) of clause 47A to be established in country districts and country towns".

Debate ensued.

Further amendment—put and negatived.

Question—

That Amendment No. 30 disagreed to by the Senate be not insisted upon, but that, as an alternative amendment, the following clause be inserted in the Bill:—

"47A.—(1.) The Commission shall, subject to the approval of the <sup>Establishment of</sup> Minister, have power to assist soldiers by way of loan to the extent of pound <sup>industries.</sup> for pound contributed by them in cash or war bonds for the purpose of establishing industries on a co-operative basis, such industries to include the manufacture of boots, woollen goods, and clothing, tanning, wool-scouring, fellmongering (and kindred industries), sawmilling, and other enterprises.

"(2.) The regulations may prescribe the conditions upon which any loan granted in pursuance of this section shall be repayable."

—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed.

Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Poynton, the House adopted the Report.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUGAR PURCHASE BILL (1920).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 11.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sugar Purchase Act 1915-1917*.

Melbourne, 30th April, 1920.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Charlton\*, Mr. Greene, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watt\*.

\* On leave.

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