THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

- The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments of H. Morrell, J. Sutherland, F. Considine, R. A. Newton, A. J. Allen, Department of Trade and Customs.

3. INCOME TAX BILL (1920).—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 and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the word "One" (line 22) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "Two" in place thereof.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Maxwell moved, as an amendment, That the words "and fifty" be inserted after the word "hundred" (line 52).

Amendment ruled out of order.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5, 6, 7, and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9-

Mr. Jowett moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (2.):—

"Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the assessments for the financial year beginning on the first day of July, 1921, from being computed upon the average of the incomes for the two years, namely, 1919-1920 and 1920-1921."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Schedules debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook (the Standing Orders having been suspended, see p. 345 ante), the House adopted the Report and the Bill was read a third time.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:

W. H. IRVINE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

Bills intituled

"New Guinea Act 1920" and

"Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1920-21,"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Melbourne,

30th September, 1920.

5. Navigation Bill (1920).—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 81 to 90 agreed to.

Clause 91 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 92 to 95 agreed to.

Clause 96-

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (a) (line 36) be omitted from the clause. Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Greene moved, as an amendment, That the words "not less than" be inserted after the word "upon" (line 1 of page 25).

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Greene moved, as a further amendment, That all the words after the word "section" (line 5 of page 25) be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof "or the notice of intention to cancel any such permit, notify in the Gazette the issue of the permit or the giving of the notice, as the case may be, with particulars thereof.'

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 97 agreed to. Clause 98 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 99 to 108 agreed to.

Clause 109 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 110 to 112 agreed to.

Clause 113 debated and agreed to.

Clause 114 debated and agreed to.

Clause 115 agreed to.

Clause 116 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 117 to 120 agreed to.

Clause 121 debated and agreed to.

Clause 122 agreed to.

Clause 123 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 124 to 126 agreed to.

Clause 127-

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.

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

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past ten 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. Bayley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,

C'erk of the House of Representatives.