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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Preferential Duties on British Goods—Comparative Values of Articles Imported—Return to an Order of the House dated 5th September, 1906.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee ; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow :—
No. 1.—Page 3, clause 6, after paragraph (c) insert—
“(d) If the defendant, with respect to any goods or services which are the subject of the competition, gives, offers, or promises to any person any rebate, refund, discount, or reward upon condition that that person deals, or in consideration of that person having dealt, with the defendant to the exclusion of other persons dealing in similar goods or services.”
No. 2.—Page 3, clause 6, sub-clause (2.), line 8, leave out “the efficiency of”, and at end of sub-clause add “being reasonably efficient, effective, and up-to-date”.
No. 3.—Page 6, clause 18, line 2, after “unfair” insert “unless the contrary is proved”.
No. 4.—Page 6, clause 18, lines 11 and 12, leave out—
“(2.) In the following cases the competition shall be deemed unfair unless the contrary is proved”—
And leave out “If” at the commencement of paragraphs (a) (b) (c) and (d) of sub-clause (2.), and insert “or” at end of paragraph (b) of sub-clause (1.), and paragraphs (a) (b) and (c) of sub-clause (2.), being consequential on amendments in the clause.

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No. 5.—Page 6, clause 18, sub-clause (3.), line 36, leave out “the efficiency of”, and at end of sub-clause add “being reasonably efficient, effective, and up-to-date”.

No. 6.—Page 9, clause 24, line 8, after “sitting” insert “within seven days”.

No. 7.—Page 9, clause 26, line 22, after “pounds” insert “or Twelve months’ imprisonment”.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House adopted the Report.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUDIT BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Audit Act 1901’*,” to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 13th September, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

And the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 6, line 15, after “certified” insert “if the same has been checked by a responsible officer, and”.

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 6, line 18, leave out “at the end of” insert “after the word ‘always’ in”.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the House agree to the amendments.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to eleven o’clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o’clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.