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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL (1909).—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Commonwealth.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Commonwealth,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
3. NAVAL LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
4. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further 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 dealt with the Amendments as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE, TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 5, line 1, leave out "Subject to the consent of the Governor-General".
- No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, lines 4 and 5, leave out "at the request of the Governments of the several States", insert "if the Governor-General so directs".
- No. 3.—Page 2, clause 5, lines 7-9, leave out "and shall perform the same without discrimination or preference, or to the advantage or disadvantage of any State as regards another State."
- No. 4.—Page 2, clause 7, lines 19 and 20, leave out "except as prescribed or allowed by the Minister".
- No. 6.—Page 2, clause 7, line 22, leave out "office or".

SCHEDULE OF AN AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE, TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT AGREED, BUT HAS INSTEAD MADE AN AMENDMENT IN THE CLAUSE.

- No. 5.—Page 2, clause 7, line 22, after "hold" insert "or exercise".
Amendment not agreed to, but in place thereof the following amendment made in the clause, viz.:—Line 22, after "employment" insert "or engage in any business,".

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.
6. BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL.—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.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL 1909 (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 made by the House of Representatives therein, and has agreed to amendment No. 6 with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment to amendment No. 6.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1909.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.
And the said amendment was read, and is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH AN AMENDMENT.

No. 6.—Page 11, after clause 31, insert new clause:—

31A. After section one hundred and eighty-two DD of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

"182E.—(1.) Any person who at any public meeting to which this section applies acts in a disorderly manner for the purpose of preventing the transaction of the business for which the meeting is held shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Disorderly behaviour at meeting.

Penalty: Five pounds or one month's imprisonment in some house of detention more than seven miles from the polling place for the Division for which he is enrolled. Cr. Edw. 7, c. 66, s. 1.

(2.) This section applies to any lawful public political meeting held in relation to any election of members of the Parliament between the date of the issue of the writ for the election and the date of the return of the writ."

Amendment to insert new clause agreed to with the following amendment, viz.:—

In line 2 of the Penalty, leave out "the" (first occurring) insert "any."

On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House agreed to the amendment made by the Senate.

8. NAVAL LOAN BILL.—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.
Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1909.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1909.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes to 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. Archer, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Sir George Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wilson.

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