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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 10.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Summary of Report of Preliminary Scientific Expedition.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—  
Regulations Amended (Provisional)—  
Military College—Entrance Examinations—Addendum—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 132,  
Military Forces—Council of Defence—Regulation 1—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 131.
3. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 3—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. O'Malley, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie in the State of Western Australia to Port Augusta in the State of South Australia, the acquisition of the necessary land, the appointment of officers, the making of charges, and the appropriation of money in connexion with such Railway.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. O'Malley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day.

Mr. O'Malley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.

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5. LIGHTHOUSES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor 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 read.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. STATUTORY DECLARATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher 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 read.  
On the motion of Mr. Fisher the following amendment was made after debate :—  
Line 11, after " Act " insert " or under a State Act ".  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clauses 3, 4, and 5 agreed to.  
Clause 6 debated and agreed to.  
Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.  
Schedule agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate, the House, by leave, adopted the Report, and the Bill after debate was, by leave, read a third time.

7. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL.—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—  
Mr. Frazer moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 3, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Parliamentary Witnesses Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Frazer moved, by leave, That the second reading of the Bill (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for this day.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Frazer moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
9. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Fisher, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business ; and that on each Thursday until half-past six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
10. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—  
On one Thursday—  
Notices of Motion.  
Orders of the Day.  
On the alternate Thursday—  
Orders of the Day.  
Notices of Motion.  
Question—put and passed.

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11. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.**—Ordered, That Notices of Motion Nos. 3, 4, and 5 be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 8.
12. **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1911).**—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Hughes, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1910*.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
13. **SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL.**—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Compensation to Seamen for Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Tudor then brought up the Bill accordingly, 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.
14. **PURCHASE TELEPHONE LINES BILL.**—Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Thomas, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Acquisition of Purchase Telephone Lines.  
Question—put and passed.
15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fisher 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. Archibald, Mr. Brown, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir John Quick, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Thomson.

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