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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 56.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Quarantine Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 185.
3. MATERNITY ALLOWANCE 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. Groom moved an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided—

Aves, 29.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Brown	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Catts	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Howe	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. McDougall	
Mr. O'Malley	
Mr. Ozanne	

*Tellers.*Mr. Frank J. Foster  
Mr. Watkins

Noes, 18.

Sir Robert Best	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Harper	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	

*Tellers.*Mr. Atkinson  
Mr. Sinclair

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Robert Best proposed to move—

That the following words be added to the question :—"and that the Committee on the Bill be instructed to incorporate in the Bill provision for a national insurance scheme, providing for sickness, unemployment and medical attendance as well as maternity, and subsidized by an Appropriation to the extent necessary to make the benefits immediate and adequate."

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was out of order on the ground of irrelevancy and also on the ground that the Bill had not yet been read a second time.

Mr. Deakin gave notice in writing of the following objection to the ruling :—

That the ruling of the Honorable the Speaker that the amendment of the Member for Kooyong is irrelevant to the motion that the Bill for an Act to provide for payment of Maternity Allowances be now read a second time be and is hereby disagreed with.

The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

Debate on main question continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1 read—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine\*, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. Parker Moloney.

\* On leave.

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