THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1912.

- 1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Special Adjournment.—Mr. Fisher moved that the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m. o Question—put and passed.
- 3. Commonwealth Workmen's Compensation Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause (1.) of the First Schedule.

Question—put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Recommitted First Schedule (Clause (1.))—

Mr. Fisher moved an amendment, That paragraph (a) of the proviso to clause (1.), viz.:-

"(a) if the incapacity lasts less than two weeks no compensation shall be payable in respect of the first week; and"

be omitted from the proviso.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule, as further amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, by leave, the House adopted the Reports, and the Bill was read a third time.

4. Message from the Senate.—Designs Bill (1912).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Designs Act 1906," to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. Turley,

President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 1st November, 1912.

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5. LOAN BILL (1912).—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. 21—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fisher moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Five hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and twenty-six pounds for the acquisition for Commonwealth purposes of property in Perth, Western Australia, and expenses incidental thereto; and to redeem loans raised by the Government of South Australia on account of the Northern Territory and the Port Augusta Railway.

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. Papers.—Mr. Tudor for Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Workmen's Insurance—Letter, dated 24th January, 1910, from the Commonwealth Statistician to the Minister for Trade and Customs, re Workmen's Insurance in Europe, together with a General Aperçu on the German System.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute-

Lands Acquisition Act-

Land acquired under, at-

Cockburn, South Australia—For Postal purposes. Gimlet, Western Australia—For Postal purposes. Granville, New South Wales—For Postal purposes. Kojonup, Western Australia—For Postal purposes. Mundijong, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House de now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Deakin, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Watkins.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk Assistant,
for Clerk of the House of Representatives.